

Secrets of the MPs who help lobbyists

Views disguised to gain places on committees

CHRIS BLACKHURST Westminster Correspondent

Lobbyists are encouraging MPs to disguise their true beliefs in the House of Commons to get on to powerful standing committees which amend proposed

Friendly MPs are urged to speak against the interests of lobbyists clients to be chosen for the committees. Once on the committees the MPs are able to drop their opposition and argue in favour of clients, according to one of Westminster's leading

This was part of a strategy set out yesterday before a private. Rules. Private meetings whose gathering in London of lobbyts and executives of some of Britain's biggest companies and organisations. Unknown to the speakers, a journalist from the independent was also present.

egy, the country's largest lobbying consultancy, gave them a run-down on the legislative process and key steps towards influencing the path of a bill. After advising them not to ig-

nore Commons select committees - he singled out the Treasury and Civil Service Committee as a body with real power - Mr Burrell moved on to the way Bills reach the statute book. It was vital, he said, to "sup-

ply information and arguments at the crucial moments", such as when a Bill went to a standing committee for further consideration. Membership of such committees is decided by party whips after hearing the Second Reading debate. Mr Burrell said one tactic was "to get your supporters to speak but not support you. Then they might get on to the standing committee. It's a bit machiavellian."

He said the House of Lords was "more satisfying than the House of Commons". It was not easy to get results in the Commons "because of the power of

Lords you can change things He named key policy-makers for lobbyists to target in an incoming Labour administration; Ed Balls, a senior adviser to Gordon Brown, the Treasury spokesman; David Milliband, head of Tony Blair's policy unit; and Frank Field, influential chairman of the Commons Social Services Committee.

Asked by the Independent for examples of MPs who said one thing to get on a standing com-mittee, where they then said another, Mr Burrell angrily refused. "It was a joke, it was off the record, the whole thing was subject to Chatham House remarks may not be attributed.] The basis I agreed to speak was that it was off the record. I did not speak as if I was speaking in public."

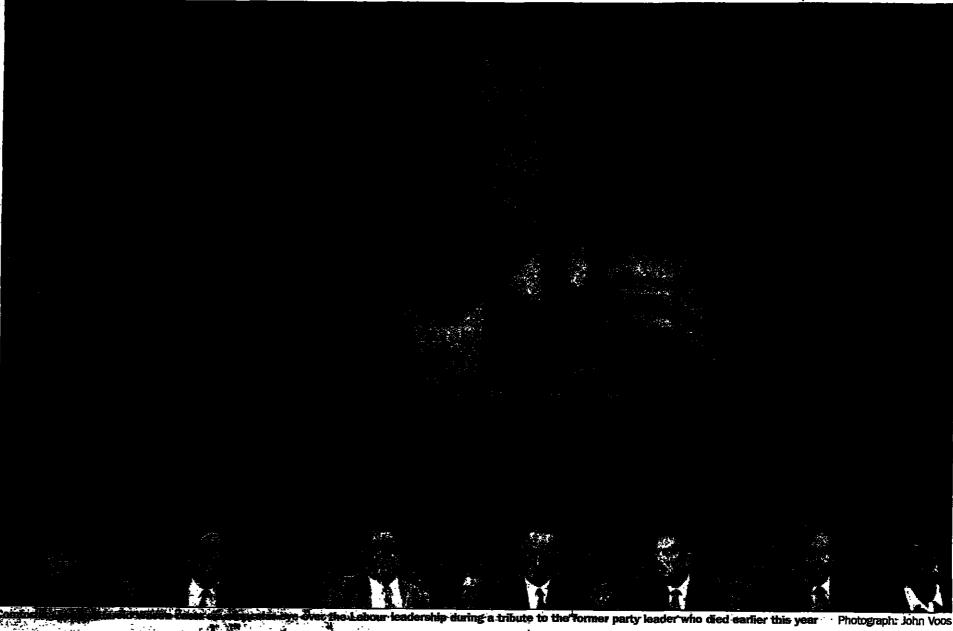
He added: "The composition Michael Burrell, managing of a standing committee is deof the factors is who speaks on Second Reading, so if you've lobbying, and you want your supporters to take part in the committee, it is very important

to get them to speak." When they spoke, they were told to temper their true beliefs. Once chosen to serve on the committee they could discount their earlier view. "If your objective is to make sure your case is heard, you are bound to advise it is put in a moderated way. Then there is a good chance [the MP] will get on the standing

Mr Burrell has run Westminster Strategy since its foun-dation in 1986. His clients have included National Westminster Bank, the General Council of the Bar, the Electronic Industries' Association of Japan and the Corporation of London.

The conference was held at the Kensington Hilton botel. Among those represented were British Aerospace, Cable & Wireless, the Law Society, Save the Children, Scottish Nuclear. the whips, but in the House of Thorn and Virgin Atlantic.

Blair acts to curb activists' power



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The pace of Tony Blair's re-lentless modernisation of the Labour Party will accelerate again this morning when the eadership takes powers for the first time to call one member, one vote ballots on key questions of policy and organisation. Delegates will be asked today to approve rule changes designed to reinforce the power of ordinary members at the ex-

ense of activists and could allow the leadership to by-pass the annual conference on controversial issues. The move follows the decisive

wing by delegates yesterday behind the leadership on the economy when Gordon Brown, the Shadow Chancellor, made defily-timed call for a cut in VAT on fuel.

Mr Brown sought to define the boundaries between Labour and Tory tax policy by pledging to make a £480m cut in VAT a manifesto priority if the Chan-

seller, Kensich Clarke, Bried to answer his challenge by re-ducing it in his November bud-

The Shadbw Caancellor re-inforced his authority over economic policy in a speech which promised a £1.4bn programme on youth employment, the planto cut fuel VAT to the EU minimmm of 5 per cent and claimed the "real divide" was between "unfairness" under the Tories and "fair progressive taxation" under Labour.

The leadership was handsomely rewarded when two leftinspired motions, one calling for a specific minimum wage level of £4.15 an hour, and another from the TGWU with a long shopping list of reflationary demands were not even pressed to a vote, while a third calling for renationalisation of the utilities was heavily defeated.

And last night the National Executive Committee's modernising majority was left intact when the only significant change.

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replacement of Jack Straw, shadow Home Secretary, by Marjorie Mowlam, shadow Northern Ireland Secretary.

changes to be debated in Brighton today will provoke criticism from the left that they allow the leadership to go directly over the heads of the conference, but party managers are confident the amendments

pass the annual conference. which is formally the party's sovereign policy-making body. The NEC proposes a new clause giving it "the power to require constituency parties to hold ballots

The largely overlooked rule

will be approved.

The provision for ballots of all members was condemned yesterday by left-wing critics of the leadership as a move to byof individual members on such matters as they deem to be ap-

propriate". National Executive proposals say the new clause is "to clarify the existing practice of the NEC on the holding of consul-tative ballots", although the word "consultative" does not appear in the new clause - givng rise to fears on the left, and hopes among some modernisers - that Mr Blair's ultimate aim is to by-pass the union block vote which will still retains half of conference

The amendments write into the Labour rulebook a requirement on local parties to conduct meetings and events in a "friendly and orderly manner". They will also put the party headquarters directly in charge of recruitment and give the general secretary, Tom Sawyer, prepared his keynote speech to

Mr Brown was robust in warning that there would be no "pay explosion" under Labour and that inflation and spending would remain firmly under control. He told delegates: "The war against inflation is a Labour war and essential part of our battle against insecurity and

unemployment." The conference successes on the economy came as Mr Blair owners. But I have my doubts."

greater authority in enforcing day pledging that the "task of a new generation is to rebuild a new Britain".

But a dissenting note was sounded at a fringe meeting yes-terday by Roy Hattersley, former deputy leader of the party. "I hope in a new world of a new Labour government we can improve pensions, extend child benefit, put the country back to work, build the houses - without any penalty for the BMW

Electricity chief adds fuel to row over Grid pay-out



MARY FAGAN Industrial Correspondent

More fuel was added to the squabble over the privatisation of utilities yesterday when Geoffrey Wilson, chairman of Southern Electric, joined the attack on directors of the National Grid who stand to make hundreds of thousands of pounds from a dividend when the company is floated later this year. At the same time, it emerged that four directors of Southern Electric could themselves gain

takeover of the company by Na-tional Power goes ahead.

Mr Wilson, who is non-executive chairman, said he has no share options and that he and his wife paid for their 2,000 shares - worth more than £20,000 at National Power's offer of £10.10 per share. The debate over boardroom

excess was intensified by David Jefferies, chairman of National Grid, who said he felt "no

about £1m from shares and £190,000 he stands to gain from options if the planned £2.8bu dividends on his shares when the grid is floated.

Speaking yesterday from his home in Virginia Water, Surrey, he said: "I feel simply that what I choose to do with the money will be my decision." Mr Jefferies added that he felt "very strongly" that the freedom of the individual shareholder was at stake.

The National Grid Company is owned mainly by the 12 regional electricity companies guilt whatsoever" about the and the dividend they are to re-

ceive is intended to pay for a customer rebate and for tax are also angered at the amount levied by the Government.

Mr Wilson said yesterday that he would have preferred the Grid directors not to take their share of the dividend and that he had made his views clear to them. He joins Seeboard, another regional firm which has heavily criticised Mr Jefferies and his coileagues.

Tim Eggar, energy minister is known to be "incensed" at the decision of the Grid directors not to waive their dividends.

are also angered at the amount of money Mr Jefferies will gain compared with the £50 rebate

for electricity consumers. Mr Jefferies said: "I believe that small shareholders are entitled to a dividend in the same way as large ones. If this principle were to be bridged it could have horrendous consequences for the future." He added that he has not taken any decision about whether to donate his dividend to charity.

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Quality in an age of change

Briton "butchered tourist" A British fugitive and alleged international serial killer went on trial in Sinsapore charged with killing a tourist and chopping up his body. The prosecution said it would prove John Martin Scripps who pleaded not guilty to murder, had

House prices rise Britain's top two building societies, the Halifax and Nationwide, warned yesterday against hopes of a rapid recovery in the housing market, despite recording the largest house price madertaken and "quickly mastered" rise in more than six butchery during a prison course in

EN BRIEF

Lottery fund for mine A £125m project to convert South Yorkshire into a hitech visitor centre and education complex will receive up to £50m of lottery money in awards announced by the Millennium Commis-Page 16 sion yesterday.

> Recall for Ferdinand Les Ferdinand, whose 10 goals this season have put Newcastle on top of the Premiership, has been recalled to the England squad for the match against Norway next week. Page 24

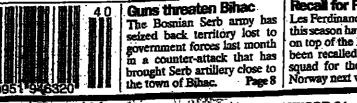


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but will become drier later. Central and eastern areas may start bright but will be rainy later. Section Two, page 21



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Bishop apologises over sex-case funds Man held at port nuclear protest

ALAN MURDOCH

The Roman Catholic Archbishop of Dublin, Dr Desmond Connell, yesterday apologised publicly if he had misled anyone in denying church funds were used to make settlements in sex

This followed the revelation that his diocese in 1993 had provided Ir£27,500 to a curate, Fr Charles Payne, based at Sutton in Dublin, to reach an out-ofcourt settlement with a former

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same period last year.

it apologised to customers.

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to cook with and no central

rector Ian Powe, speaking on

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there's confusion about who is

extra staff and set up freephone helplines. It said "99.9 per cent"

of its customers had not com-

dealing with what."

"I'm afraid they have paid off far too many of their highly-paid

the Citizen's Charter.

altar boy who alleged he was sexually assaulted by the priest. "If people have been misled by what I said fin a statement

in Mayl I most sincerely apologise. It was not my intention to mislead, it was not my intention to cover up," he said.
"I have acknowledged since that I may have to qualify that

in the future. My deepest con-cern has been first of all the protection of children, and secondly the care and pastoral care that is required to help peo-ple to overcome the trauma ..."

said the boy was still free to bring a civil or criminal case against the diocese. The Archbishop said his

said legal constraints linked to possible criminal prosecutions

meant he was fighting his case "with one arm tied behind my

Alluding to claims that Fr

Payne's alleged victim was

tlement was made, Dr Connell

Speaking on Irish radio, he funds are not used in any way to make settlements of that kind - the offending priest must find his own resources", had been an attempt to "send a signal to the priests of the diocese" that it would not be acceptable for

them to expect the diocese to pay for such settlements. He qualified this by saying urged to give a verbal commit-ment to silence when the setthat where the victim had been seriously injured, the church's mission of justice and charity meant he would have to "come

to the rescue" He insisted he had given the

church payment of compensation, and had not dealt directly with the priest involved. Dr ionnell said Fr Payne was now "some place we are not speaking about".

Dr Connell conceded that past failure to deal with of-fending priests meant the church had colluded in criminality. But he said: "We have learned from a very, very painful experience to change the way in which we deal with

A church spokesman said yesterday that the secretary of the Vatican's Congregation of Bishops, Archbishop Jorge Mejia, had discussions on con-troversies affecting the Irish church over the weekend with both Dr Connell in Dublin and with Cardinal Daly, the Catholic primate, in Donegal. But he stressed the main reason for his visit had been to offici-

terkenny of the new Bishop of Raphoe, Philip Boyce. Meanwhile the Bishop of

ate at the ordination in Let-

Ferns, Brendan Comiskey, who last month left his post on a three-month sabbatical, confirmed he was receiving treatment in the United States for alcoholism. Rebutting press speculation that he had been forced out, he stressed the decision to go had been his.

Bishop Comiskey has been at the centre of controversy since June after challenging the Vatican to allow a debate on its rule of priestly celibacy.

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Holy disorder, Section Two

One man was arrested last night as environmental protesters attempted to prevent two lorries carrying spent nuclear fuel leaving the port of Scrab-ster on the Scottish north coast.

The vehicles had collected the consignment of 52 highlytoxic rods from a German ship before transporting the two 13.5 ton flasks to the Dounreav nuclear plant in Caithness. where it will be reprocessed early next year.

The Scottish Campaign for Nuclear Disarmament attacked the decision to ship the con-signment to Scrabster, claiming the risk of fierce storms in the North Sea at this time of year had been ignored.

Brain injury award

Lawrence Herring, from Gawcott in Buckinghamshire, who suffered severe brain damage a week after his birth at Poole General Hospital in Dorset nine years ago, was awarded £1.55m agreed damages against East Dorset Health Authority.

Cell death inquiry

An inquiry is under way after a teenager was found hanging in his cell at Stoke Heath young of fenders' institution in north Shropshire. Christopher Craig Greenaway, 16, from Stoke on-Trent in Staffordshire, had received a nine-month sentenced in August for robbery and failing to surrender.

Advert criticised

The environmental pressure group Greenpeace was not jus-tified in making claims in a newspaper advertisement that chemicals dumped in the sea were a prime suspect in causing male sexual organs to strink, the Advertising Standards Authority ruled today.

Rally sex attack

Police are hunting a man who sexually assaulted a 26-year-old woman as she walked through a caravan site during a gathering of Harley Davidson motor in Northumberland.

Father charged

Andrew Cartwright, 40, was remanded in custody by mag-istrates at Dudley, West Midlands, charged with murdering his daughter, Emma, 14, whose body was discovered at her home in Kingswinford, on Saturday night

Palace raises £3m

Buckingham Palace raised 13m for the restoration of fire-damaged Windsor Castle from opening its doors to the public this summer. A total of 413,000 people toured the Palace state rooms during the 56 open days, compared with 420,000 during 57 open days in 1994.

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Rapist jailed

A man who raped a 19-year-old church missionary and then in-decently assaulted her housemate was jailed for 12 years by a judge at Preston Crown Court. Darren Small, 25, from Belfast, who was staying with a friend in Lancashire at the time of the attacks, admitted rape and indecent assault.

Crash bike stolen

A thief stole a crashed motorbike as the rider lay injured after hurtling through a chip shop window at Station Town in Durham. The motorcyclist, Wayne Iley, 18, of Shotton Col-liery, Durham, is recovering in hospital in Hartlepool after suffering neck and facial injuries in the accident.

Bill linked to deaths

A £2,800 bill from the Child Support Agency may have been the final straw that led Phillip Mitchell, 36, of Northwich, Cheshire, to kill himself and his four children, police confirmed as the Cheshire coroner opened and adjourned an inquest into the five deaths.

Ecstasy remand

Magistrates at Blackpool re-manded Julian Holmes, 24, of manded Julian Homes, 24, of Cononley, North Yorkshire; Mark Harris, 25; Christopher Loughrey, 18, and Jason Wild, 24, all from Blackpool, in custody on charges in connection with the supply of existasy in the resort where a 17-year-old boy that from the figure last week. died from the drug last week.

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Speaking terms: Irish PM John Bruton, left, and Ulster Unionist leader David Trimble after their historic meeting in Dublin yesterday

Irish leaders shake hands across a 30-year divide

ALAN MURDOCH Dublin

Dozens of curious faces crowd-The company said that when service levels fell, it brought in the new leader of the Ulster Unionist Party sat down beneath the portrait of Catholic emancipator Daniel O'Connell in Dublin's Mansion House, home of the Lord Mayor, to sign the visitors' book.

"We are proud of our Char-ter Mark which reflects our previous high level of customer He smiled but betrayed no hint of mischief as he wrote: service and we believe we "David Trimble, Lisburn, County Antrim, UK". It was his should retain the award," it said in a statement.

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hich, in turn, explains its selection as the personal instrument of many of

strongest statement in a day of debt the Irish Republic is in no Mr Bruton's claim last Friday position. But in stating that his tentative handshakes and con-

The first meeting between an Irish Prime Minister and an Ul-Government Buildings, and the first formal contact at this level since Terence O'Neill held sway in Stormont 30 years ago, began with the Ulsterman marking the Southerners' card.

Accompanied by his deputy leader John Taylor, and securi-ty spokesman Ken Maginnis, Mr Trimble hosted a reception to launch a 50-page Unionist

financial state to afford a united Ireland.

The guest list included the normally vociferous nationalist ster Unionist leader in Dublin's Fianna Fail members, together with Mary O'Rourke, Ray Burke and other ex-cabinet ministers. All trooped in, cheerfully swallowing their ideologies for the occasion. Orange and green, in the shape of Mr Trimble and Fianna Fail leader Bertie Ahern – after a nervous pause - shook hands on the

Mansion House steps. Over lunch with the Irish leaflet - An Economics Lesson Prime Minister, John Bruton, for Irish Nationalists and Republicans - which argues that with a IR£30bn (£31bn) foreign Prime Minister, John Bruton, orably we are moving towards an all-inclusive dialogue." He added: "On the arms issue, Mr Trimble avoided taking a firm

that a breakthrough enabling all-party talks to begin was "tantalisingly" close. "I wouldn't use that word," he cautioned. Later, Mr Ahern said Mr Trimble seemed not to believe that

the talks could begin this year. The Taoiseach's optimism had become more guarded since Friday. He said there was no value in setting dates for allparty talks which could themselves become an inhibition, but said: "More people are talking to other people than was the case a few months ago... inexviews were well-known, he offered no hint of diluting his demand that IRA weapons be decommissioned before Sinn Fein could enter all-party talks."

He cited the terms of Paragraph 10 of the Downing Street Declaration, that "people establish their commitment to exclusively peaceful methods... they've got to prove that they are committed, and it is very difficult to see how that can be done without satisfactorily re-

solving the weapons issue".

Mr Trimble said the talks had been "much more positive and constructive" than those held during the Dublin Castle contacts in 1992. He also exchanged

views with the two Dail Opposition leaders, Mr Ahern and Mary Harney of the centre-right Progressive Democrats. The sizeable Unionist dele-

gation created a more positive mood over the hunch, suggesting areas of greater communication, and hinting at Unionist entry soon into the British-Irish Parliamentary body, which they have until now boycotted in protest at the 1985 Anglo-Irish Agreement.

One loud Unionist voice was missing however. From Belfast. the Democratic Unionist leader Ian Paisley rejected Mr Trimble's detente with the South as "futile" and warned that it "could weaken the union".

Porton Down to check on illicit weapons trade

TOM WILKIE Science Editor

Porton Down, the Ministry of Defence's chemical and biological research centre, is to play a leading role in verifying that British companies are not illegally making or exporting chemical weapons.

But the Government plans to exempt the Wiltshire centre from legislation making chemical weapons illegal. The only public scrutiny of Government departments will be through ministerial accountability to Parliament.

The Government has taken the unusual step of publishing draft legislation before introducing the Bill to Parliament. The deadline for comments on the draft expires this weekend. However experts say the leg-islation is not tough enough to

measure up to the international Convention on Chemical Weapons and may lead to dif-ficulties. Nicholas Sims, of the London School of Economics, said "most of the elements of national implementation of the CWC are ... absent from the draft bill."

Just 10 civil servants within the Department of Trade and Industry are to be responsible for monitoring more than 500 companies and 2,000 sites which employ lethally toxic chemicals that have a dual militarycivilian use. The civil servants will constitute the "national authority" required by the CWC, which is supposed to keep track of the movements of all these chemicals and to in-

vestigate any discrepancies. Porton Down's military experts will advise and assist the "national authority" in moni-

toring scientific developments that might lead to new types of chemical weapons.

According to Professor Julian
Perry Robinson of the Univer-

sity of Sussex, this raises two problems. "The first is ensuring that CBDE [Porton Down] is not unduly selective in what it chooses to tell the national authority - that it does not hold back information about, for example, some attractive new chemical-weapons possibility." In 1975, he said, the US Senate discovered that the CIA's Technical Services Division had retained stocks of a toxic weapon in breach of the Biological Weapons Convention.

The second problem was "whether Porton actually has the requisite reach into the in-dustrial, academic and other worlds where there is leading-

Murder squad detectives were

yesterday questioning friends and relatives of a 15-year-old girl after her body was found at

moors near Bingley, West York-shire, may have led a double life. Nobantu, who liked to be known as Mandy, had not been



a secluded beauty spot.
Police say Nobantu Zani,
whose decomposed body was
found covered with branches on

Murdered girl could have led a double life

reported missing because her South African mother thought

she was staying with a friend. The teenager had not been seen since 11 September and police believe she was strangled soon after that date - with her

own chiffon scarf. Mandy regularly played truant from Buttershaw Upper School in Bradford, and had not been seen at home since 9 Sep-tember. Her family have no idea where she had been staying. Police believe her friends

could hold vital clues to her been asked to draw up a list of to her, had no idea that anything

people who may be able to shed light on her life away from Detective Superintendent Tony Whittle, leading the inquiry, said: "It may be that she was living some kind of double life. Her mother, until we spoke

death, and her closest friend has

Court computers in countdown to chaos

CHRIS MOWBRAY

A special programme is being written into a new government computer system to prevent thousands of non-existent criminal court cases being called for trial all over the country on the last day of the 20th century.

The Lord Chancellor's department is implementing the scheme to prevent legal chaos caused because ageing court computers cannot speak Latin or understand the concept of

The problem surrounds the

use of the centuries-old legal term "sine die" in the 500 magistrates courts in England and Wales when cases are, in effect,

adjourned forever. The phrase, which means "without date", is used in cases where a defendant has not been acquitted, but where the court believes the charge is too minor to be dealt with or the de-fendant cannot be traced. Its use is particularly common for minor motoring offences. When they first started using

computers nearly 25 years ago, magistrates' clerks discovered

that their systems could not understand the phrase and needed to adjourn the cases to an actual date.

Because the early computers could not recognise dates after 2000. clerks in many areas adopted the practice of adjourning "sine die" cases until the last date at their disposal -31 December 1999.

This means that on 30 December 1999 the courts' administrative systems are in danger of being overwhelmed as computers suddenly recognise that several years' worth of

phantom cases are due for hearing the following day. The size of the problem is un-

known because of the courts' huge annual workload of two million cases and because some clerks may have discovered a different way of dealing with it. Unconfirmed estimates suggest, however, that some inner-

city courts may each have as many as 25,000 on file. It is exacerbated because there are at least five totally dif-

ferent computer systems within the courts network "When the first systems were

day of 1999 was still a long way off and it did not matter if these cases were adjourned until that date," one of the computer experts trying to solve the prob-lem said. "It is only just over four years away and we have got to do something about it. Fortunately, computer software has advanced and the courts will not have to record false dates under the new system."

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The new programme is part of the software for the Magistrates Courts Standard system which is costing about £60m.



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Millennium Commission: 'Exciting and trail-blazing' environmental projects benefit from latest lottery cash share-out

reen research complex lands £50m grant

RHYS WILLIAMS

disused colliery site in South Yorkshire into a high-tech visitor centre and education complex will receive up to £50m of nounced by the Millennium Commission yesterday.

The grant will belp create the Earth Centre, a state of the art centre for environmental research and sustainable techsite at Conisbrough, near

Announcing £109m in awards to 54 projects nationwide, Virginia Bottomley, Secretary of State for National Heritage, hailed the Earth Centre as "the largest education complex built in the UK since the Victorian museums of South Kensington".

She added: "It is a truly innovative project, constructed on entirely sustainable and ecologically-friendly principles. This project offers the UK the potential to become a world leader in information on sustainable technology.'

A second major scheme unveiled was the regeneration of Portsmouth harbour, which will receive £40m towards its £86m cost. The scheme's backers hope to create an international maritime arena for locals and visitors. "The project will bring new life and activity to the whole of this historic sea front, could regenerate the entire region and is an exciting and maginative use of Millennium Commission funds," Mrs Bottomley said.

The first stage of an ambitious plan to re-forest huge areas of Scotland was also given the green light as Mrs Bottomley, chairwoman of the Millennium Commission, listed a further 52 awards, totalling £19m. The Millennium Forest for Scotland will receive a grant of £5.75m towards its total £11.5m cost. Approval was study will be announced today.

granted to the principle of the entire project, which could cost A £125m project to convert a £100m and would eventually double the country's forests.

The first stage involves 45 separate sites throughout Scotland, from Orkney to industrilottery money in awards an- al Lanarkshire, covering a combined area equivalent to 64 square miles. Half will be new woodland and half will be regenerated and reclaimed from existing areas. It aims to restore the native broadleaf and conifer nology, on the 142-hectare woodlands which once covered much of the country

Barbara Kelly, chairwoman of the Millennium Forest for Scotland Initiative, welcomed the grant. "The new woodlands will provide not only great scenic beauty but play a vital part in Scotland's culture and environment, its education and economy.

Other awards included £5.3m towards a £13m trans-Pennine trail for cyclists and walkers, and £4.3m to help with the £9.5m restoration of railway link between Porthmadog and Caernarion in North Wales, first established more than 160

Yesterday's grants follow the announcement in August of a total of £66.5m to various Millennium projects, the biggest of which was a £42.5m cycle route throughout the UK. Mrs Bottomley described the winners as "exciting and trail-blazing" and she invited applications for the next round of awards. At the Labour Party confer-

ence in Brighton, the possibil-

ity was raised of a Labour government taking away the running of the lottery from Camelot and giving it to a nonprofit making organisation.

A consortium chaired by Lord Young of Graffham plans to turn Shell's famous Downstream building on London's South Bank into a national performing arts institute. An application to the Arts Council Lottery Board for a feasibility



Field of dreams: The slag heap at Cadeby pit, in South Yorkshire, that is to be transformed into a £125m Earth Centre for the millennium

Slag heap makes way for world of grape trees

Top Six Millennium Commission Awards 1. The Earth Centre, Conisbrough, or Doncaster, South Yo Grant of up to £50m towards a £125m project to establish a world centre for environmental research and sustainable technology. 2. The Millenatum Cycle Route. £42.5m towards a £183m project to create 2,500-mile cycle route

throughout the UK.

3. Renaissance of Portsmouth Halteur.
£40m for an £86m harbour development which was chaste on international martime leisure complex.

4. The Groundwork Foundation.
£22.1m for up to 21 projects in England and Wales additionation theme reclaiming wasteland, to improve the local charge market. benefit local people through community schemes.

5. The Millennium Forest for Scotland.

Potential grant of £5.75m towards an £11.5m series of 45 projects.

to extend native woodland and conserve wildlife in Scotland 6. Trans Pennine Trail. £5.33m for a £13m, 714km route for walkers and cyclists linking

The Millennium Commission has announced grants totalling £175.5m towards 81 projects nationwide.

Locals aiready had a vague **Jonathan Foster** reports on an innovative concept granted £50m of lottery aid

awareness of strange goings-on down at Cadeby pit, and yesterday the Government dispelled confusion. It will not be a new Asda, but the third millennium instead.

Few projects of such startling originality can have a more improbable location than the Earth Centre, which yesterday won a £50m grant from the National Lottery, via the Mil-

lennium Commission. The centre will seek to germinate development for the post-industrial age by researching and teaching new technologies that can accommodate the human race without destroying the planet.

for Whitehall-funding of a mu- Great Exhibition of ecology, was transform 350 acres of slag expansion plans by the two a practical demonstration, an seum, the centre makes no batched in 1989 by Jonathan heap and dirty rivers. In their Sheffield universities could turn exemplar to the world." apologies for its millennarian Smales, a former director of quest to be "a world class edu-Greenpeace. Mr Smales origicational mitiative and an nally wanted the centre to be built at Canary Wharf, in Dockessential new tool in securing a sustainable future based on a lands, east London. But the regreen renaissance of society, sponse in the capital was muted and Mr Smales found unbridled All this in Denaby, a South enthusiasm in the Dearne Val-Yorkshire pit village without a ley public and private sectors for pit, its human resources dea project he likens to the con-

struction in London of the great Victorian museums. The total cost of completing the centre by 2000 is estimated at £125m, the commission join-

On one level an application sustainable development, a ingprivate and EU investors to education projects including thing we have always lacked is place will rise three striking pavilions, examples of innovative architecture. The Ark, the Sustainable Futures Centre and the Sustainable Science and Industry Gallery are forecast to

attract 2.5m visitors in 2000. Mr Smales anticipates new, green technology industry will develop in the valley, inspired by the innovation boastfully comoted by the centre. About 800 jobs will be provided at the

the Dearne into a sustainable variant of silicon valley. The project list is exhaustive:

humane and organic farming; simulated rides inside forests and giant mammais; "clean" buses; advanced water transport; nature reserves; sustainable methods of manufacturing and power generation.

Sir Crispin Tickell, former UK ambassador to the UN and president of Earth Centre, said centre, but the spin-off from the project would collect "a conindustrial development and voy of ideas". Sir Crispin, a se-

nior government adviser on sustainability, said Denaby could influence policy. "The

Denaby, in the shadow of Ivanhoe's castle, was yesterday awakening to the stirrings at the colliery site. "All I know is it's got grape trees in it," one local said. Now £50m of government money is making even sceptics believe that the contaminated ground will be cleansed and the ancient woodland of the valley reach down again to the rivers.

And for those who would have preferred an Asda, the centre will also sell meat, fish and vegetables.

Children more upset by 'real' TV violence

CHARLES ARTHUR Technology Correspondent

Children find violence in news programmes and nature documentaries more upsetting than in video games or films, according to new research. Almost nine in 10 children aged between 13 and 18 have seen videos with "18" certificates, and only one-third said they found the violence upsetting. But 82 per cent of the children

interviewed by Guy Cumberbatch, senior lecturer in ap-

more upsetting than in videos or computer games.

The research, involving 305 children aged between 13 and Allerton, a researcher at the Institute of Education, which found that children find TV violence in real-life programmes the most worrying because they know that it is real.

"Children can tell the difference between fantasy and re-

frightening they find it."

Mr Allerton believes that efforts to increase regulation of videos, put forward by a mmber of child psychologists, no-13, backs up work to be published later this year by Mark tably Elizabeth Newson, are misplaced. Last year Ms Newson wrote to MPs saying that she felt a "steady diet" of violent videos and films would deaden children to its effects in real life.

However, Mr Allerton said: "It's plain to everybody that those measures are not going to

plied psychology at Aston Uni-versity, found violence in news altrights a lity," Mr Allerton said. "The work with children's increased more real an image is, the more Rather than making these things into forbidden fruit, we should be teaching children to grow up to be critical viewers who can deal with something

economy and industry".

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since the day on the picket line

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The idea for an example of

knew their battle was lost.

that they find scary."
In the Aston research, 63 per cent of the children said they had never been upset by violence in films or videos, and 72 per cent said there was a difference between violence in videos and in real life. For computer games, the figures were 93 per cent and 83 per cent. "Children don't find fiction frightening or if they do, they often enjoy it: people like horror films," said Mr Allerton.

However, his work has found that news programmes from war zoners and wildlife documentaries in which animals kill each other can be more traumatic for children than videos.

His survey found that children regulated their own viewing and distinguished carefully between images they find "plea-surably" frightening and truly English apples face a crunch

As many as half of Britain's ap-ple farmers will go bust if the flood of cheap French apples goes unchecked, according to representatives of English apple sellers. Cut-price French apples, snubbed by Europe in protest at nuclear tests in the Pacific, have been dumped in Britain, undercutting native

Germany and Scandinavia are boycotting the French apples, forcing the perishable goods into Britain at rock bottom prices. Malcolm Schofield, managing director of the Eng-

lish Fruit Company, said: "Our market is being destabilised by a flood of French apples at ridiculously low prices which don't even cover the cost of production. They are dumping

their apples on our market." Mr Schofield, whose company represents more than half of English apple sellers, claims unwitting shoppers who would normally opt for a Cox are being lured by cut-price Golden Delicious apples.

*Customers over here just see French apples as good value for

could see half of the apple growers in this country go out

of business," he said.

David Browning, chairman of English Apples and Pears Ltd. also claimed British shoppers were being set up as "fall guys" The English Cox is the num-ber one dessert apple and it will be the main casualty", he said. Mr Schofield is spearheading

a British apple invasion in Europe. On Saturday he met German importers in Cologne to persuade them to buy surplus money. They don't realise that British apples.

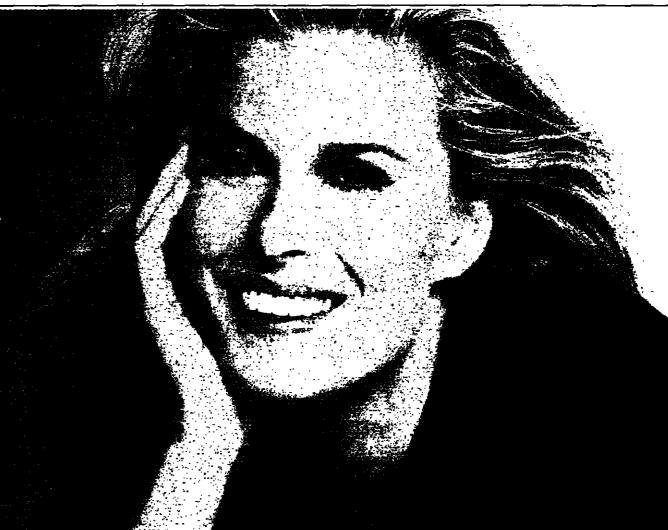
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Prescott

rebuked

on child

benefit

Chief Political Correspondent

Gordon Brown yesterday dis-tanced himself from plans to tax

child benefit and warned lead-

ership colleagues not to pre-empt a review by Donald

Dewar, the party's social secu-

His remarks amounted to a

mild rebuke for John Prescott,

the deputy leader, for fuelling

the speculation that Labour

Mr Prescott said it would be

one way of targeting the bene-

fit on those who needed it while maintaining Labour's key commitment to child benefit as

a universal payment.
The Shadow Chancellor yes-

terday said he had not com-

mitted Labour to taxing the

benefit. Challenged about Mr

Prescott's remarks on BBC Ra-dio, he said: "What John Prescott and I have both said is

we will look at the report of the

Social Justice Commission. It

recommended that there is a

"Donald Dewar is looking at

the conclusion of that report at

the moment. He will be re-

porting soon and until he has made the report, I am not go-

There is no doubt that Labour intends to target the benefit. Tony Blair, the Labour

leader, said last week; "I don't think anyone disputes that those earning large sums of money don't really need to

The Child Poverty Action Group has attacked the taxation

plan as "unintelligent". The

development of separate taxa-

tion for husbands and wives could create embarrassing

anomalies if child benefit was

Sources close to Mr Brown cited the example of a woman earning £25,000 who would pay tax on child benefit, but a

housewife who was not earning

could escape tax, even if her

Taxing it would also prove so

expensive, it may not be worth

the controversy it would cause.

Tax would save only £40m or

0.65 per cent of the £6.1bn an-

taxation rule and treating child

benefit as a couple's income

would save £300m, or less than 5 per cent of the total bill.

Means-testing could underretain it as a universal benefit."It will still be universal benefit paid

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Brown warns left 'no shopping lists'

STEPHEN GOODWIN
Parliamentary Correspondent

Gordon Brown yesterday warned the Brighton conference that there would "no pay explosions" under a Labour gov-ernment and no "shopping lists"

of irresponsible commitments. We will not build the new Jerusalem on a mountain of debt," the shadow chancellor said at the start of a day-long

debate on the economy.

But he balanced the stern message with an aim to cut VAT on gas and electricity, a commitment to a publicly-run railway network and a promise to spend £1bn on getting young people into work.

Some 600,000 young people were out of work today, Mr Brown said. Many of them were rootless, some homeless and all of them poor. "If this betrayed generation - the generation of Thatcher's children, now Major's young forgotten unemployed - cannot be rescued from years, perhaps a lifetime, of unemployment and the risk of eventual unemployability,

dreds and thousands of wasted lives will weigh down our econ-omy and divide our society for another 40 years."

Mr Brown said a Labour government would introduce a £75 a week incentive to help the long-term unemployed back to work, release capital from coun-cil house sales, improve childcare provision, and give small businesses VAT relief on taking on workers.

Under Labour, no young person would spend years with-out a job, he insisted. "Our plan is nothing less than to abolish youth unemployment."

Mr Brown said he would not make promises he could not keep or plans he could not pay for. The programme for young people would cost £1bn in the first year, paid for by a levy on the windfall profits of privatised utilities. It would include an environmental task force and the abolition for 18- to 24-year olds of the "iniquitous" 16-rule which limits the time they can spend on training courses while receiving benefit.

In a well-received attack on

"crude and wasteful dogma of the free-for-all", Mr Brown said mass poverty could not be privatised away nor urban squalor deregulated away.

"It is the same flawed ideology and bankrupt morality greed, waste and short-termism which has brought us every-thing from the disgrace of the £1,000-a-question Tory MPs, the squalid procession of Tory ex-ministers on the make in the City, and the scandal of lottery money going to Eton when it should go to every school."

Promising the party would try to stop rail privatisation, Mr Brown said that behind the carve-up of BR into some 70 companies was the search for directorships by retiring Tory MPs. "Boardroom seats are the last seats they'll ever be selected for," he said.

Cautioning on the need for prudence, he said the 1945 Labour government was remembered not for how much it spent but for the wisdom of its investment in Britain's future.
"I want our Labour government remembered not as a big spender but as a wise spender.

the Conservatives and their Harman figures way out of minimum wage trap

The threat of damaging con-ference split over a national minimum wage evaporated when constituency delegates agreed not to push a minimum figure of £4.15 an hour to a vote, writes Stephen Goodwin.

Setting the rate would be the task of a low pay commission, in consultation with trade unions and employers, following a Labour election victory.

Welcoming the decision of Edinburgh Central CLP not to press the figure, Harriet Harman, Labour's employment spokeswoman, said the minimum wage had moved on from being a symbol to become practical policy. "There was a clear spirit of unity and agreement that what we have done is toughen up our policy ready for government," she said.

The party is to set up a preparatory group to study wage

Kev's true colours

Sporting a red jacket, Kevin

Keegan showed his true colours yesterday when the Newcastle

United manager played away at

the Labour Party conference in Brighton, writes Colin Brown.

"Tony Blair is a breath of fresh air for me." he said after

a fringe meeting organised by the Football Association. Kee-

gan's millionaire boss, Sir John Hall, is a strong Conservative

supporter and John Major vis-

ited his club only a fortnight ago.

But Keegan said: "My father was a staunch Labour man. He

was a miner and a strong union

man. It's in my blood. I can re-

Tories out of the house when

they wanted to use it as a can-

vassing office."

About face

floors in other countries, consult, and ensure a mechanism is a message of despair and we totally reject it. Our goals are in place to implement the policy as soon as the commission has decided on a rate.

Moving the £4.15 composite motion, Jane Saren, of Edinburgh Central, said the £8,000 a year it added up to "pales into insignificance beside the telephone number salaries of the chiefs of the privatised utilities". Setting a figure would be a commitment to the difference a Labour government would make, Ms Saren said.

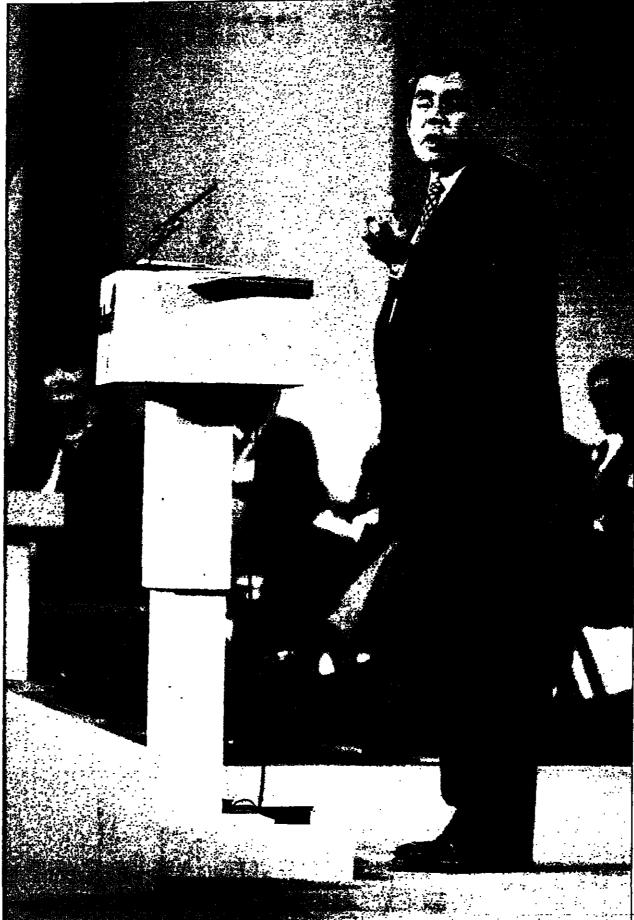
However, after persuasive speeches from Ms Harman and delegates, she agreed to remit the motion. Ms Harman promised Labour would legisboth have genuine consultation

full employment and an end to poverty pay. With Labour, they will go hand in hand."

After campaigning for £4 an hour at the TUC conference last month, Bill Morris, general secretary of the TGWU, repeated his call for a minimum wage but did not mention the controversial figure. But Kumar Sandy, of Welwyn

and Hatfield, criticised the "do not disturb" message of Labour image makers. "If we don't name our figure, how can we ever convince traditional voters that there is any substance behind the rhetoric?

In another positive move for late for a minimum wage but the party leadership, the consaid the conference could not ference rejected a motion calling for the renationalisation of and set a figure. "The Tory mes-sage of a low paid job or no job telephone industries.



Cash point: Gordon Brown, the shadow chancellor, addressing the conference yesterday

Hattersley spells out conditions to end schools rift

COLIN BROWN Chief Political Correspondent

> Roy Hattersley, former deputy leader of the Labour Party, plans for education.
> Mr Hattersley challenged

retary, David Blunkett, to give reassurances to the conference Labour conference. in the keynote education debate

emerged after the publication of the policy document "Diversity and Excellence".

"Thousands of party memlast night demanded three bers - very few of them expledges to end the splits with-in the party over Tony Blair's were offended both by the tone and content of Diversity and Excellence," Mr Hattersley told a Labour's shadow education sec-retary, David Blunkett, to give Educational Association at the

Forty constituency Labour

tions to the conference, calling for the abolition of grant-maintained schools. The anger in the party at the leadership policy over GM schools is likely to emerge with a composite op-

urged its rejection.

Mr Blair has been sharply criticised for softening Labour opposition to GM schools after

posing Labour's policy. The

party's national executive has

GM status.

Labour plans to rename GM schools "foundation schools", and allow them to keep some of their independence, alongside existing comprehensives, known as "community schools". Mr Hattersley dismissed the

idea they could have different but equal status. He said: "If they are the same, why do we bother to make the distinc-

tomorrow, to end splits which parties have submitted resolu- London Oratory, which has time after time this summer and lection by pre-entry interviews I still have not got an answer. of pupils and parents will be "All I get is a red herring

about church schools. But in the hope of uniting the party, I hope we can rally round the absolute minimum necessary to confirm that the comprehensive idea is alive and well."

Mr Hattersley called on Mr Blunkett to give the following assurances: that most funding will be allocated to the schools sending his son. Euan, to the tion? I have asked the question with the greatest need; that se-

"I do not pretend that they would make me an enthusiast for Diversity and Excellence. Nothing which created two distinct sorts of secondary schools about 3p off the basic 25p rate can ever be that," he said. of income tax.

banned to prevent academic sethat back through tax? There will be no going back on inde-pendent tax. The difficulties lection being replaced by "social selection"; and all parents in an area should be balloted could prove insurmountable, when grammar schools are insaid the Labour source. corporated into the system. Child benefit is paid for all 12.685.000 children at a rate of £10.40 for the oldest child and £8.45 for other children at a cost

to mothers.

of £6.1bn - the equivalent of

Modernisers retain hold in NEC poll

PATRICIA WYNN DAVIES Political Correspondent

Labour modernisers and rightwingers retained their grip on the ruling national executive

Jack Straw, the home affairs spokesman, fell victim to a rule change to boost the number of women in top party posts which saw Mo Mowlam, the shadow Northern Ireland secretary, member him throwing the elected for the first time.

committee in vesterday's annual

While the sprinkling of leftwingers across all three sections of the 24-strong executive executive remains a distinct mi-nority, the two left wing MPs "Old Labour" faces overwho retained their places in the whelming defeat as Arthur constituency section - Dennis Skinner, MP for Bolsover, and Scargill attempts to resurrect the pro-nationalisation Clause Four Diane Abbott, MP for Hackney of the party constitution, writes North & Stoke Newington - im-Barrie Clement. Some of proved their vote.

Labour's biggest affiliates, Another feature of the results was the improved position of which opposed reform, are expected to vote against a tradi-Gordon Brown, the shadow chancellor, moving up from third place to second. David tionalist motion tabled by Mr Scargill, president of the Na-Blunkett, under fire from some tional Union of Mineworkers.





Changing places: Jack Straw, left, who lost his NEC place, and Mo Mowlam, elected

dropped from second to third. Like last year, Robin Cook, the shadow foreign secretary and chairman of the national policy forum, topped the poll. Mr Straw lost his place because three of the seven votes

for the constituency section

had to be cast for women. In the

fourth place.

Mowlam, would have lost her women on the NEC and I am place. The third woman, Harriet Harman, retained last year's

it." he said. Mr Straw said he had expected the result - although the votes had been cast prior to his

activists for shifting policy on absence of the rule Ms Abbott, begging. I supported the move grant maintained schools, who polled fewer votes than Ms to increase the number of delighted that Mo is going on

Ms Mowlam, a Blairite moderniser, said: "I am very pleased to have the chance to be a member of the NEC." Strongly backcontroversial speech on "sque-egy merchants" and aggressive said: "We are serious about try-

Margaret Beckett, spokeswoman for health, topped the poll in the women's section.

Joan Lestor, the "soft" left overseas aid spokeswoman, also ■ The new executive: Union section -

Dan Duffy, TGWU (3,700,000 votes); Diana Holland, TGWU (3,685,000); Vernon Hince, RMT (3,685,000); John Mitchell, GPMU (3,683,000); Maty Turner, GMB (3,659,000); Maggle Jones, Unison (3,639,000); Margaret Wall, MSF (3,611,000); Alan Johnson, CWU (3,607,000); Bill Connor, Usdaw (3,594,000); Nigel Harris, AEEU (3,571,000); Richard Rosser, TSSA. (2,955,000); Christine Wilde, Unison (1,488,000). Socialist Societies - John Evans (43,000). Constituency Labour Parties - Robin Cook (85.670); Gordon Brown (79,371); David Blunkett (75,984); Harriet Harman (69,092); Dennis Skin-

ner (64,288); Marjorie Mowlam (53,578); Diane Abbott (45,653). Women (results as percentage of total east) - Margaret Beckett (18.73 per cent); Joan Lestor (18.28 per cent); Diana Jenda (17.84 per cent); Claze Short (17.15 per cent); and Brenda Etchells (14.68 per cent).

Davies supporters to seek review of ban

from supporters of Liz Davies. who will attempt to get her banning as parliamentary candidate for Leeds North East sent back to the national executive, writes Patricia Wynn Davies.

The planned move in this morning's debate on the con-troversial blocking of the leftwing Islington councillor could turn heavily on the attitude of the big unions. While the TGWU pledged its support for Ms Davies yesterday, Unison withheld it. With the AEEU and the GMB likely to back the report, the attempted rebuff of the leadership could founder.

Delegates have no right to throw out the report on a vote, but a successful attempt to "refer back" the report would exacerbate party embarrassment when it had hoped to have dampened down the issue. If it succeeds, however, the NEC can simply reach the same decision to withhold endorsement as a

Labour was last night bracing it-self for a fresh round of protests called the "indifference" of the leadership, Alan Simpson, MP for Nottinghamshire South and a member of the left-wing Campaign Group of MPs, said: "It's not back me or sack me. It's back me or shove off."

Disputing comments by Tony Blair in a Guardian interview yesterday, Ms Davies said her politics were identical to more than those of 20 other Labour MPs. "Tony Blair has no grounds for suggesting that I would not support a Labour government in a situation of difficulty'. I resent this smear."

The Tory party chairman, Brian Mawhinney, urged Tony Blair to drop Dawn Primarolo from his Treasury team be-cause she, like Ms Davies, had refused to pay the poll tax. A Labour spokesman said:

The NEC made it clear that Liz Davies was an unsuitable candidate because of a period of years of political history, rather than a specific issue."

Old guard battle against spin as utility players call the shots

You would think from the media previews that the whole of Brighton had been taken over by the Tony Blair circus, present-ly pitching its big top on the prom, Presco the clown ready to take centre stage as always.

But there are still people to he spotted about the town not wearing Armani, their pockets unencumbered by mobile phones, going about their business apparently impervious to the public relations activity spinning around them. People like Tony Benn, for instance. He sat at the back of the conference hall as New Labour went



through its first morning, watching the activity on the hi-tech platform (colour scheme pink with grey fringes), face longer than a composite motion. His eyes almost rolled out of the top of his head as Chris Smith, her-

itage spokesman, made his bid for Labour's big idea. "Under Labour, lottery funds will be where the real action was. Such as in the village of special in-terest stalls which litter the used for a Millennium Archive, downstairs of the conference digitally-stored access to the country's greatest treasures,"

The light murmur that greeted Smith suggested the conference wasn't sure this would deliver the keys to Number 10. In fairness, there may have been better chance of applause for Smith's call for "real electronic democracy" were the hall not less than a quarter full at the time. The delegates, it seemed, plonk. And if you can't guess, of the opening day, handing out preferred to be elsewhere, just have a drink anyway." Like leaflets recruiting new can-

centre. Here was a taste of New Labour, the privatised water companies had a stall, and British Airways and British Nuclear Fuels, all offering information about how they were run in the national interest. The biggest scrum for information,

and win a bottle", said a woman

handing out free beakers of

ned by a Liz Davies lookalike, ear lobes straining under several kilos of costume jewellery) was unable to compete with infor-

mation like that. It is on the fringe, away from the stage-managed rally on the platform, that you imagine you would find the kind of talk to however, was around the Sains-bury's kiosk. "Guess the grape even here, the spin doctors make Tony Benn smile. Except were in control. Peter Mandelson hosted the biggest meeting

a corner shop when a superstore opens up the road, the Fabian Society stall opposite (person-will be entered into a draw for a special gift personally signed by Tony Blair"). You may have read over the

summer that I am a great believer in media manipulation." said Mr Mandelson, opening the meeting. "Well that is true." He then asked all representatives of the media to leave the room so he could spin in private.

Meanwhile, back in the hall. there was one moment when the old did its best to bat against the spin. A delegate urged that British Gas be brought back into

public ownership as soon as Labour won the election. "I see old people in tears all the time because they cannot afford the prices charged to line millionaires' pockets," he said, words which Tony Benn greeted like old friends.

There was a hint that the delegate might not get his way, however, in the official documentation for the conference. On the back page of the glossy info pack (cost: £15, New Labour doesn't need any lessons in monopoly pricing) is a full-page advertisement for

Ouotes

"New Labour: a party within a party" - Dennis Skinner, Labour MP for Bolsover.

"Let's end the embarrassment of being talked to in corridors by people who haven't spoken to you for a whole year" - Kate Hoey MP, arguing for ending Shadow Cabinet elections.

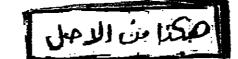
Today's business

Conference will hear the address from Tony Blair, the leader, and debate trade union links, party rule changes, Enrope and women-only shortlists.

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Probation officers in court threat to Howard

HEATHER MILLS Home Affairs Correspondent

Probation officers are to take Michael Howard, the Home Secretary, to court over his plans to dismantle their college-

based training.
The National Association of Probation Officers is to seek judicial review of the decision, which they say has been taken against a wealth of evidence and

advice and puts the public at risk.
Out of 504 individuals and organisations consulted by the Home Office, only 11 were in favour. Over 200 MPs, university vice-chancellors and the Central Probation Council, the national employers' organisation, have reservations about the plans, which they say will leave recruits lacking basic educational skills in areas such as motivation and psychology

Under the changes, officers will no longer need to gain a university social work diploma in a two-year course before being recruited, and will instead be trained "on the job",

Baroness Blatch, the Home Office minister, said the move is intended to make it easier for older people - including those with military or uniformed backgrounds - to join the service. She denied the changes would leave untrained officers responsible for dangerous criminals. "Mature people with valuable skills and experience accumulated from years in other professions need no longer

association said it would refuse to co-operate and branded the changes "extraordinary". It said that about 10 per cent of probation officers already had a military, police or prison background and 30 per cent of new

"flies in the face of all available evidence. We have taken legal advice that the route of judicial review is open to us and we will

be barred from employment in tained as effectively.

the service," she said. "Instead.

they will be recruited on the strength of their abilities and then receive rigorous individual training and tough assessment." The move is seen in the pro-

fession as an attempt to shift the service towards a more disci-pline and punishment base rather than dealing with offenders' social and psycho-

logical problems. It is also suggested ministers want to reverse the trend of more women joining the service. An internal Home Office report described as "startling" the fact 68 per cent of new entrants were female. The probation officers'

recruits were over 40. Harry Fletcher, assistant gen eral secretary, said the decision

pursue this with vigour". A spokesman for the Association of Chief Officers of Probation said: "We see it as a degradation in the standards of our service which will impact on public safety. The bottom line is that poorly trained probation officers won't be able to execute their duties as well as well trained officers and therefore dangerous people won't be con-

Poll-tax rioter jailed after 5 years on run



Out of control: Jeffries attacks a police van with a post at the height of the 1990 riots in Trafalgar Square

A leading poll-tax rioter seen by millions on television hurling a post through the window of a police car, was jailed for two ears and 10 months at the Old Bailey yesterday.

Nicholas Jeffries, 33, appeared in court more than five ears after the riot in Trafalgar Square, which was described as containing "the most violent scenes of disorder this century". Police officers said that the riot, which caused £6m damage and left more than 500 police injured, was the most frightening event of their careers. "At times...they actually feared for their lives," said Jonathan Laidlaw, for the prosecution,

Before sentencing, Mr Justice Hooper was shown video footage of the riot in which Jeffries attacked police vehicles. Dexter Diaz, defending, said that Jeffries had not gone to the demonstration intent on violence, as he was with his pregnant girlfriend, but he had "over-reacted" when he saw a police vehicle drive into the crowd at some speed and knock down a demonstrator.

The officer injured in Jeffries's attack, PC Robert Huntky, said it was only when he saw a video of the incident that he realised bow frightening it was Jeffries was identified from film and photographs of the

scene by a warder at Shepton Mallett prison, Somerset, where he was on the run from a 15month sentence. But by the time police knew who he was, he had fled to Sweden. He finally settled in Holland where he was arrested at the beginning of this year for travelling on a tram without a ticket. British police applied for his extradition, but Jeffries waived his rights of appeal and returned voluntarily.

At the Old Bailey yesterday, Jeffries denied the more serious charges of riot and attempting to cause grievous bodily harm to PC Huntley, and his guilty pleas to the lesser charges of violent disorder and assault occasioning actual bodily harm were accepted by the Crown.

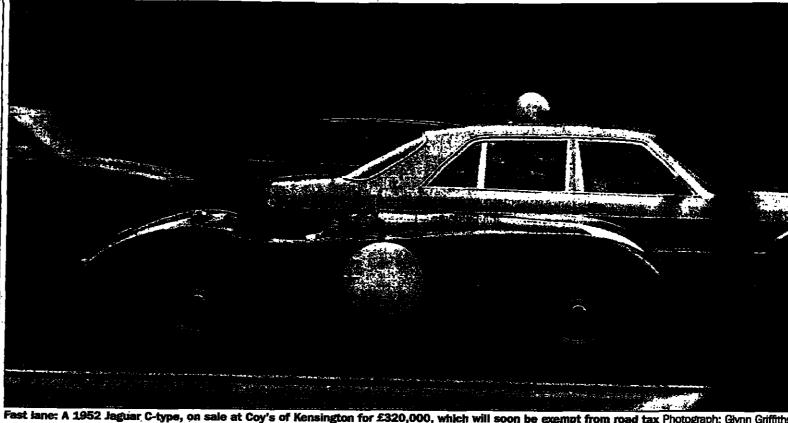
Mr Laidlaw said that although most of the demonstrators were peaceful, a "hard core" had been bent on using the demonstration as an excuse to attack police and property. Jeffries had played "a leading part" in the violence which becan when the marchers reached Downing Street, and peaked in Trafalgar Square when police were attacked with wood, crash barriers and lumps of concrete

torn from the pavement. Clevedon in Avon, has previous convictions for drug smuggling, assault and motoring offences.

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Fast Jane: A 1952 Jaguar C-type, on sale at Coy's of Kensington for £320,000, which will soon be exempt from road tax Photograph: Glynn Griffiths

Transport Correspondent

Owners of classic cars and other vehicles over 25 years old are likely to be made exempt from road tax when a new scheme to fight tax dodging is introduced.

A consultation paper published in the spring suggested that all car owners would have to pay vehicle excise duty for their car continuously, even if they were off the road for a long period. However, when classic car owners realised they would be caught by this new regula-tion, they lobbied for exemption.

Current estimates suggest that there are more than 400,000 cars over 25 years old in Britain, many of which are only used in the summer, while others are off the road for several years while they are re-stored. Under the original proposal, once these cars were put back on the road, the owner would have had to pay tax for the whole intervening time.

However ministers, under pressure from Tory MPs who have lobbied intensively on the issue, are likely to announce the exemption at next week's Tory

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Governors defy court order as head is sacked

SARAH STRICKLAND

Governors at a grant-main-tained school in Essex have sacked their head teacher, ignoring a High Court ruling and offering the head no chance to plead her case.

David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, believes the governing body of Belfairs Community College has acted illegally in dismissing Marie Younie without a proper hearing and despite an injunction preventing its disciplinary com-

mittee from meeting. He has written to Gillian Shephard, Secretary of State for Education and Employment, detailing his concerns, and has applied for a further injunction to block the dismissal. The governors should be held in contempt of court, he claims.

They have clearly ridden rough-shod over official procedures," he said. "I have never come across a case like it. It is quite extraordinary that a governing body should behave in this manner, faced by a court

lescing from a major operation. She believes a group of gover-nors and senior teachers took exception to her ideas for raising expectations and achievement in a school that had been

performing poorly.
With the disciplinary committee due to meet on 21 September, the NAHT obtained an injunction on the grounds that the panel was improperly

The judge ordered that submissions be made early this month, but on 22 September Ms Younie was told she had already been dismissed. The disciplinary panel had been reconstituted and had gone ahead, despite the court order.

Parents were informed of the dismissal in a statement from Elizabeth Mashford. chairman of the governors. According to Mr Hart, the statecomplaints against Ms Younie, is "highly unorthodox and prejudicial". Ms Younie has had no chance to present her case or to

Charles Latham, a governor, said the governing body had Ms Younie was suspended acted on legal advice but would



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Health chief declares war on old treatments

Stephen Dorrell, Secretary of State for Health, yesterday pledged to use science more effectively to improve patient care by identifying the best treatments faster, and weeding out those that have no place in a modern health service.

Mr Dorrell, who has already declared war on inefficient hospital managers, signalled that research and development (R&D) in the NHS is also high on his agenda at the Department of Health, claiming that it has the potential to make the "single biggest contribution to natient care in this country as approach the next centur He promised to commit "real resources and management support" to ensure that the most up-to-date knowledge of which freatments are effective - and which are not - is made available to clinicians.

Speaking in London at the first international conference on the Scientific Basis of Health

no longer sufficient to rely on clinicians reading articles in the learned journals. They need ready access to research results - an effectiveness index on tap as it were." He emphasised the need to make a serious commitment to ensure that the results of modern medical science

are made easily available to NHS clinicians, and cited the example of "clot-busting" drugs for heart-attack victims. Despite strong evidence of their benefits in saving lives, the drugs took more than a decade to begin to permeate medical practice. Up to a fifth of patients who would life-saving drugs.

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orous assessment" of new ideas must also be applied to existing practice, and obsolete methods phased out. "If we want to see nology used to best effect, in-effective and unnecessary procedures need to be abandoned. We need to identify and address the use of ineffective drug therapies, as well as other practices, such as the use of unnecessary gynaecological procedures on younger women and examples of ear, nose and throat surgery in childhood which appear to be

Mr Dorrell denied this would

lead to rationing by the back door, but said health-service managers had an obligation to set priorities. Expensive treatments that offered only marbenefit still do not receive the ginal improvements on existing treatments should be used spar-Mr Dorrell also said that, in ingly, but those which repretreatment should be a high priority regardless of cost.

of doubtful value."

He is hoping to reassure critics who say that R&D is a prime casualty of the changes in the health service. A government task force last year reported claims that short-term cost pressures were driving out investment, and the clinical sci-

nity has also been hit by the resignation of key researchers following the reorganisation of London hospitals. But Mr Dorrell said that R&D was now a "core activity" of the NHS, established as a new programme in 1990 to create a link between the health service and the methods and products of science.

Five years on, the Government is committed to a target expenditure of 1.5 per cent of the health budget on R&D, and each health authority is required to make a contribution towards that fund.

Sir Richard Sykes, chief executive of Glaxo Wellcome. who gave the inaugural adthan 1,000 delegates from 40 countries, said the biological technological and information revolutions had dramatically improved treatment and had immense potential to achieve further breakthroughs. But he warned: "We shouldn't just rush off and use this technology at a whim. It's going to be

Routine operations on hit-list

Since the inception of the NHS in 1948, new treatments and procedures have been introduced in a piecemeal and hap-hazard fashion. The rationale for implementation appeared to be "if it is new, it must be better and we must have it".

In fact, it is estimated that less than 15 per cent of health service "interventions" have been proved to be beneficial to patients. It comes as no surprise to learn that in the new costconscious, market-style NHS, some of these interventions are to be phased out.

Stephen Dorrell, Secretary of State for Health, declined yesterday to spell out which treat-ments would be phased out of routine use in NHS hospitals and clinics but it is not difficult to guess what they might be. John Yates, a former gov-ernment adviser, has said that

formed in NHS hospitals, only hernia repair and cataract surgery are widely regarded as sound procedures with a high degree of clinical agreement about who will benefit and when the operations should be done. The more questionable op-

of the top 10 operations per-

erations include hysterectomy, tonsillectomy, D&C or womb scrape before the age of 40, and the insertion of grommets to treat glue ear. In the latter case, 80 per cent or more clear up without treatment.

There are some "innovations" that have assumed popularity without adequate investigation of their use or proper training of the people who use them; keyhole surgery is one example. Several patients have suffered long-term internal damage after inappropriate use of keyhole surgery or less than optimum handling of

Chorionic villus sampling (CVS) was hailed as a major advance in pre-natal diagnostic testing as doctors were able to perform it weeks earlier than existing tests such amniocentesis. It was widely reported in newspapers and was adopted for rou-tine use prematurely, according to some doctors, as women demanded the test from their obstetricians. Subsequently, a link was established between CVS before 10 weeks and limb defects in babies. Now CVS is performed after 10 weeks.

the equipment.

Obstetrics in general has a reputation for adopting, wholesale, new techniques without good evidence for their benefits. Mass foetal screening - the use of probes attached to the foetal scalp during labour to monitor its status regardless of a problematic delivery or not is widely believed to have caused more difficulties than it solved. Meanwhile, cheap and proven treatments, such as steroidal drugs to help mature

born early, went unheeded. Stephen Dorrell yesterday called time on inefficient, obsolete treatments and those that are expensive and have limited application. They are likely to be replaced with innovations such as gene therapy, designer drugs, robotics in surgery, and more accurate di-

the lungs of babies likely to be

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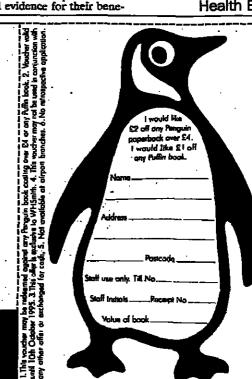
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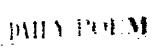
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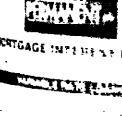




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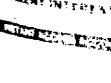






























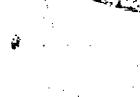










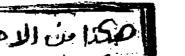












Fugitive Briton 'butchered body of tourist'



Accused: John Scripps is linked with several killings

A British fugitive and alleged in-ternational serial killer went on trial in Singapore yesterday charged with killing a tourist and

chopping up his body.

The prosecution said it would prove that John Scripps, 35, who denies the murder of Gerard Lowe, a South African, had undertaken a prison course in butchery in Britain and had quickly mastered" the skills. If convicted, Scripps faces a mandatory death sentence.

Scripps, who sat hunched in a steel and glass cage at the High Court, is also wanted in Thailand, where he has been charged with the murder of two Canadian tourists - Sheila Damude, 49, a teacher from Victoria, British Columbia, and her son, Darin, aged 23. Their dismembered remains

head was not found.

Scripps had used his butchery

She said she would call as a

witness James Quigley, a British

prison caterer who would tes-

tify that in 1993 he taught Scripps "butchery skills which

the accused had mastered

were discovered on the island of Phuket in March. Their passports and other items were in Scripps's possession when he was arrested in Singapore. Scripps is alleged to have be-

Apparently to pre-empt a friended Mr Lowe, a brewery engineer from Johannesburg defence that Scripps killed Mr who arrived on a shopping trip on 8 March at Singapore's airadvances, the prosecution put

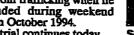
port and then checked into a Mr Lowe's widow, Vanessi Lynn, on the witness stand. She testified that Mr Lowe, 32, central hotel with him to share a room. Jennifer Marie, for the disliked gays. "We had a healthy sexual life. He was definitely not prosecution, told Judge TS Sin-nathuray that Scripps killed Mr Lowe in the hotel between 8 a homosexual," said Mrs Lowe. Another witness, Chao Tzee

March and early on 9 March.
After the alleged murder,
Scripps flew to Thailand but Cheng, a senior Singapore pathologist, told the court that then returned to Singapore and the person who dismembered Mr Lowe was either a doctor. was arrested on 19 March. a veterinary surgeon or a butch-er. He added: "I told police, The murder came to light when a torso, thighs severed at the hips and legs chopped at the Look, you are dealing with a serial killer." knees were found in plastic

He said it was possible for such a person to cleave the body bags in Singapore harbour on 13 March and 16 March. The at bone joints using the two stainless steel knives with 10cm (4ins) serrated blades that were Ms Marie told the court that skills to chop up Mr Lowe's body, possibly using a small kuife with a serrated blade.

found in Scripps's bags.
The accused is also being investigated in connection with murders in Mexico and San Francisco. One inquiry links him to the disappearance of Timo-thy McDowall, 28, and another Briton in Mexico

Scripps, who lived in London, vas serving a 13-year sentence for heroin trafficking when he absconded during weekend leave in October 1994.





Scripps's mother, Jean (centre) and sister trying to avoid a cameraman outside the court

Scottish crimes fall for a third year

months of this year, according ernment's agenda, he said. to figures released yesterday.

The figures eclipse last week's statistics for England and Wales, which showed a 5 per cent drop in offences.

Scottish Office, said the Government continued to be encouraged that recorded crimes in Scotland had fallen for a third successive year, only 0.5 per cent

Reported crime in Scotland Tackling crime remains very fell by 7 per cent in the first six firmly at the top of the Gov-

The minister welcomed the new figures but said further reductions remained a priority. "Our message remains clear no crime is acceptable."

Lord James Douglas-Hamilton, Minister of State at the months show a total of 248,915 crimes recorded by the police compared with 268,720 last year - down 7 per cent on the same period last year. For the whole of 1994, 527,064 crimes in 1992, but 8 per cent in 1993 were recorded, compared with and a further 3 per cent in 1994. 543,013 the previous year.

DAILY POEM

In passing

By Sarah Hopkins

had hung himself, but it was just his boilersuit fat with wind bellowing on the line

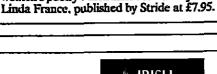
he was probably quite a thin man being sensible somewhere else, careful not to blow himself up, keeping the door shut, unperturbed

who'd pegged him in this boisterous wind, was it for her like having him there huffered, spun and speechless?

Sarah Hopkins was Poetry Editor of Spare Rib from 1982-85. Her poems have been widely published and she spent a year in Wordcircus, a performance group for women writers. Good Grief, her first collection was published in 1992. This poem is taken from The Rainbow's Quivering Tongue, an anthology of women's poetry which includes work by Judith Kanzantzis and

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Balkan conflict: Thinly-stretched Bosnian government forces flee as Mladic's men seize back land they lost last month

Serb push puts Bihac at risk

EMMA DALY

The Bosnian Serb army has seized back territory captured last month by the mainly Muslim Bosnian government Fifth Corps in a counter-attack that has brought Serb artillery perilously close to the town of Bihac. Near Sanski Most, Bosnian soldiers were forced to run for their lives amid a hail of antiaircraft fire and air attacks.

The Serbs have also pushed to within six miles of Bosanska Krupa, where refugees have already returned to homes oc-cupied by the Serbs for three years, and shelled the outskirts of the town on Sunday, prompting concern among international observers that Bihac, 18 miles to the south, is at risk, "If they move south, then they can start shelling Bihac again, which they will do at the first oppor-

Although the UN yesterday reported that Krupa had been placed on red alert, the observers said it was calm yesterday morning, with no signs of panic among the returning civilian population. However, helicopters were seen moving in and out of Bihac, probably ferrying wounded from the front lines.

Fifth Corps soldiers, acting in concert with the Croatian Army

pushing from the south, seized thousands of square miles of territory around a main road linking Bihac to central Bosnia via town of Jajce, and moved within artillery range of the Serbs' northern stronghold, Banja Luka. But in the past few days, Serb forces have begun to retaliate, capitalising on the exhaustion of the thinly

stretched Bosnian soldiers. On Sunday, a brigade moving west towards Sanski Most through a narrow finger of land sticking into Serb territory came under heavy fire from three sides, and was almost cut off as Galeb jets bombed their positions. One witness said the brigade was exhausted even before the planned Bosnian attack.

"Then the Serbs launched a counter-attack, so the troops who were to attack were tied up in that, and the soldiers just panicked," he said, adding that he and the others ran for their lives through a wave of explosive bullets. "The Serbs had 150 Muslim forced labourers digging treaches on the front line the government forces were sup-posed to attack, which did not improve their morale."

However, the observer did not assess the defeat as catastrophic, adding that although the Bosnian forces lost the finger of land, their lines seemed to be holding firm at the base. "I don't think the Bosnian Serbs can capitalise as much as they should," said another military expert. "I don't think there is any real problem [for Fifth

Corps] at the moment."
The Fifth Corps might now decide that their chances of taking Sanski Most before the winter are slim, and could concentrate instead on holding the line around Bosanska Krupa and pushing on the Serb-held town of Mrkonjic Grad. This is the last remaining ob-

stacle on the road south-east

from Bihac to central Bosnia: capture of the road would bring huge benefits to the Bosnian government, which would have a firm link with Bihac and a much shorter supply route from Croatia to central Bosnia. Luxembourg - In another effort to put the European stamp on a possible peace deal for the former Yugoslavia, France and Germany yesterday proposed an outline plan for rebuilding the devastated region, writes Sarah Helm. European foreign ministers, meeting in Luxembourg. discussed a programme of re-construction, humanitarian aid, and election monitoring. The intention is to consider EU as-

sistance to Bosnia, Croatia,

Serbia, Albania and Macedonia



A Bosnian Serb, wounded in fighting with Muslim forces near Bosanska Krupa, west Bosnia, is carried to an ambulance

Sullen Belgrade maps out its losses

STEVE CRAWSHAW

An indignant and fascinated little crowd gathers at the bottom of Terazije Street, in the heart of Belgrade. The source of interest: a new map, which was originally published with triumphal intentions. "Thank God

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I'm a Serb," says the proud inscription. Now, the map is a bitter memorial to defeat.

It was intended to show the extent of Serb conquests in recent years. Yellow shows "territory under the control of Serb forces". Given what has happened in the past four years, much of the map is printed in ellow. There is just a forlorn little strip of green down the middle, for the "territories of Muslim-Croat Federation".

But then came the humiliation. Pink-striped amendments have been drawn on to the map, marking areas that Croats and Bosnian-government forces have seized Serbs recently. Suddealy there is little reason for Serbs to rejoice.

It seems odd that people gather to study the map so intently. Surely Serbs must know exactly what they have lost? In reality the official media have been reticent. The Bosnia deal reached in New York last week is proclaimed a triumph for the policies of President Slobodan Milosevic. The loss of territories where Serbs have lived for generations and the expulsion of 200,000 refugees are gered minority - as rare as

ignored. Thus the maps on Ter-sympathisers of Andrei Sakha-exhausted than enraged, do azije Street provide the first op-rov in Brezhnev's Soviet Union not seem ready to pour on to the portunity for many to examine the grim new reality in detail.

"All of this was pure Serb," says one man (with a gesture taking in areas where Bosnian Muslims were in the majority until "ethnic cleansers" killed them or drove them out of their homes). "And now look.
We've lost everything. It's genocide, pure genocide."

That indignation is typical.

Every Serb can give you a lec-ture about what Serbs suffered 50 or 500 years ago. People talk, too, about Serbian suffering of recent months. But the Serbian crimes of the past few years do not exist in most people's minds. One depressing reason why the outspoken Serbian opposition Vreme magazine can still be published is that it has such a small readership. Few Serbs want to read uncomfort-

There are, of course, Serbs who do not seek to use the vile experiences of history as a justification for unleashing new nightmares. But such heartening free spirits are an endanor genuine haters of Nazism in Germany in 1945.

The Serbs' perception of themselves as eternal victims is another reason why last week's New York deal has been greeted with little enthusiasm on the streets of Belgrade. The official media emphasised the deal means Mir [peace] in our time, Mir on the horizon, Mir by Christmas, Mir because of the wise Serbian leader.

But many ordinary Serbs remain cautious. They believe, in any case, that the Western powers are the true warmongers.

"The war will be over when the Americans want it to be over - not a moment earlier," was one typical comment as Richard Holbrooke, the US peace envoy, arrived in Belgrade last week-

The nationalist opposition blames Mr Milosevic for allowing the Serb-majority Krajina to fall easily into Croat hands. "That wasn't a military victory [by the Croats]. It was a gift (from the Serbian leadership]" runs a popular argument. But Serbs, more

not seem ready to pour on to the streets to protest. A nationalist opposition demonstration - in other words, those who regard Mr Milosevic as a sell-out - persuaded 10,000 people on to the streets, but the protests stopped there.

In one respect at least, there is a new half-optimism. Many believe that the New York deal could lead to the lifting of sanctions, which is all that many people care about. If sanctions are lifted, then solidarity with brother Serbs in Croatia and Bosnia could soon be forgotten, and Mr Milosevic's popularity could soar once more.

For the moment, however Serbia remains a country of sullen resentment. Savo, one of the men gathered around the map-seller on Terazije, argues that Serbs are deeply misunderstood, because of a mixture of foreign ignorance and mal-ice. But he acknowledges, too, that the information flow in Serbia is not all that it might be. "What do we know? We have no information. We know noth-

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Portugal cheers **Socialist victory**

ELIZABETH NASH Lisbon

demonstrative people. More moving, then, than the cavalcades of young people who careered round Lisbon in the early hours of yesterday morning, celebrating a Socialist victory that surpassed expecta-tions, was the sight of ordinary folk quietly lining the streets with a light in their eyes and a

smile on their lips.
Opinion polls had caught the trend, but underestimated its force. The Socialists, in oppo-sition for a decade, won 43.9 per cent of the vote, 109 seats in the 230-seat parliament. It is their biggest victory for 20 years. They fall just short of an absolute majority, but enjoy a comfortable advantage in the face of a divided opposition. Always among the more moderate of Europe's democratic socialist parties, the Socialists have become even more prag-

matic and Blairite recently. The conservative Social Democratic Party saw its 1991 majority of 50.2 per cent slashed to 34 per cent. The Communist-led CDU alliance won 8.6 per cent, a decline from its previous vote, showing that the Socialists held the bulk of the left-wing vote. The right-wing Popular Party, with 9 per cent, tripled its number of MPs to 15, clearly benefiting from a drift from the Social Democrats. Eight seats remain to be counted and the complete results will not be known for two weeks.

"The turn" was the headline The Portuguese are not a of Lisbon's A Capital newspaper, summing up the trans-formation. But none doubt that the turn is an affirmation of Portugal's young democracy, not a threat to it. The outgoing Social Democratic Prime Minister, Anibal Cavaco Silva, conceded defeat with elegance, in ac-knowledgment of the national desire for change and the likelihood that this would occur in a stable democratic framework.

The future Socialist Prime Minister, Antonio Guterres 46, promises he will govern alone. But in his victory speech he also promised to co-operate with the opposition on important issues and to work in the interests of all Portuguese.

Mr Guterres pledged to stick to the timetable for monetary union imposed by the European Union, an unusual commitment for a Socialist victory speech The gesture was a restatement of a key strand of continuity in Portugal's policy towards Brussels. Business interests had already shown themselves un-

flustered by the prospect of a Socialist government. Sunday's result suggests that the Portuguese, frustrated with the Social Democrats' buttonedup and tarnished image, still seek continuity in an increasingly socially relaxed country that has under Mr Cavaco Silva's Europe's mainstream.

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China's Foreign Minister, Qian Qichen, yesterday pledged full co-

operation with Britain to ensure security, stability and prosperi-

ty" in Hong Kong through its tran-sition to Chinese rule in 1997. He

made the promise during talks in

London with the Deputy Prime

Minister, Michael Heseltine, at

the start of an official visit in-

tended to smooth relations be-

Hong Kong's limited democracy was noticeably absent from their

assurances. Last week Mr Qian reiterated China's intention to

discard the political structure

erected by the last Hong Kong Governor, Chris Patten, as soon

This difference apart, both British and Chinese officials

seemed keen to stress the high lev-

el of Mr Qian's visit. Yesterday he

also saw Ian Lang, President of the Board of Trade, and Robin

Cook, Labour's foreign affairs

spokesman. Today he is to hold talks with the Prime Minister and

the Foreign Secretary.
The US, at odds with China

over rights, missile sales and Tai-

wan, yesterday denied President

Jiang Zemin a state visit. A White

House spokesman said he would meet President Bill Clinton at the UN in New York this month. Mr

Clinton is known to dislike formal

state visits but the Chinese would

have preferred a ceremonial welcome in Washington to a

meeting on the fringes of the General Assembly.

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MICHAEL SHERIDAN Diplomatic Editor

Taiwan and China do the sabre dance

Worst tension since 1970s raises fears that Peking will seize 'renegade' island

It is arguably one of the biggest games of bluff and counter-bluff in modern Chinese history. Eyeing each other warily across the Taiwan Strait, China and Taiwan are testing how far they can go without plunging into full-scale war.

China could hardly contain its fury when the President of Taiwan. Lee Teng-hui, made a "private visit" to the United States in June, a visit that was seen as undermining China's success in diplomatically isolating Taiwan, which Peking

regards as a renegade province.
A month after the President's visit, China tested tactical ballistic missiles in the Taiwan Strait, showing it was able to attack the island. Another exercise followed in August. Now Taiwan also has announced its own exercise, planned for Thursday.

There has been nothing like this level of political and mili-



President Lee: Visit to the US has infuriated Peking

tary tension since the 1970s, when Chiang Kai-shek threat-ened that his Nationalist gov-ernment, defeated in 1949, would storm back to the mainland and recover it militarily. China responded by bombarding Taiwan's smaller islands near the Chinese coast. Taiwan maintained a steady hail of return fire.

That confrontation eventually faded, and talks between the two governments gave rise to hopes of a peaceful solution. However, China feels President Lee is intent on the ultimate heresy of making Taiwan an independent state, aban-doning the Nationalists' and

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commitment to Chinese reunification.

"I really think it's possible China will invade," says Tsai Bih-hwang, of the ruling Knom-intang (Nationalist) party. Andrew Yang, secretary of the Council of Advanced Policy Studies, a government advisory body, said: "We don't underestimate their ability to do it."
When the first Chinese mil-

itary exercise was launched, the stock market dropped like a stone and visa queues formed outside Western quasi-diplomatic offices.

"It was a shock," said Antonio Chiang, publisher of *Journalist* political weekly. People wondered what else China might do, if it responded so aggressively to what was no more than a private visit to the US.

As Mr Yang points out, it was more than just a visit. "It very much emotionally affected the people. Here was the symbolic importance of our leader visiting a major Western country," he said. "It changed the empti-ness and frustration of the Taiwanese people.". China saw even more sinister

motives behind the visit, according to Chu Yun-han, the director of programmes at the influential Institute for National Policy Research.

He believes that Peking looked at the visit as part of a plot between Japan and the US to undermine China by promoting Taiwan.

Taiwan refuses to back down. Last month it made yet another futile attempt to rejoin the United Nations. President Lee, meanwhile, is riding high on the support he is gaining as the Chinese media launches personal attacks on him.

"The question here," says a Western observer in Taipei, "is how Taiwan's military response is conducted. How can they be seen as non-provocative but demonstrate that they are ca-pable of providing defence?"

And what would happen if

the military escalation got out of hand? China has the world's biggest army, and it is increasingly equipped with modern armaments. Unlike Taiwan's forces, the Chinese army has a number of leaders who have been tested in battle. China has sufficient military capability to bring Taiwan to its knees if it wishes to do so", says a foreign resident with close ties to the military establishment.

He believes Taiwan's army has reasonably high combat ef-ficiency, "but it has not been tested for a long time". Although Taiwan's army has Communists' longstanding acquired some modern equip-

War games: Talwanese ships being readied for military exercises due to start this week in response to Chinese manoeuvres

ment, such as F-16 fighter jets from the US, and Mirage 2000 jets from France, years of diplomatic isolation have taken their toll on its ability to acquire state-of-the-art equipment.

This is not to say Taiwan is incapable of resistance, but it may have difficulty coping with unlitary action which falls well short of war. Wang Chien-shien. of the New Party, which believes President Lee is provoking China unnecessarily, says Peking could inflict heavy blows without full-scale war. He reckons that a missile attack on the southern city of Kaoshung, the centre of the petrochemical in-

China might bomb airfields, immobilising Taiwan's jets. Mr Chiang thinks China could "terrify the Taiwanese people" without using missiles. Continued military tests, the seizure of fishing vessels and other less extreme measures would divide Taiwanese society. There is also a possibility that many of Taiwan's leaders

dustry, would create enormous

destruction. He also believes

tough. An unusually high muniber of prominent people hold foreign passports.

Taiwan keeps "pushing the limit, testing China's response to see where the trigger point is", Mr Yang said. If it accidentally goes too far, some people on the island believe the US will come to the rescue. Washington, however, remains adamantly silent on this matter.

Those who are close to US thinking on Taiwan believe, as one put it, that "the US will use force under certain conditions, but we don't what those conditions are". Others firmly rule out the possibility of American intervention. They believe that the overwhelming importance of good US relations with China outweighs any other course.

At the height of the Cold War, Taiwan was a bastion against the advance of Communism, a situation reflected in the Mutual Security Pact between Taiwan and the US. But the Cold War is over and the defence agreement was abandoned long ago. Taiwan looks thoroughly exposed. would leave if the going got

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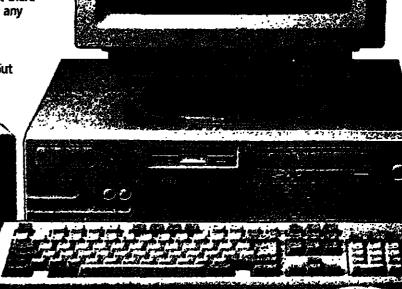
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A bullish feeling amid the ruins

There are just nine computer screens, a trading table so small you could not play poker on it, and six steel chairs. Only four companies are listed and the premises are modestly housed n what used to be the local branch of the Iraqi Rafidain Bank, But they call it the Beirut Bourse and we are being encouraged, in the kind of peacespeak that rules here, to regard this tiny room as "the engine of Lebanon's reconstruction." The French amhassador and two officials from the Paris Bourse fresh from creating similar institutions in Lithuania, Latvia, Ukraine, Poland and the Czech Republic - said as much before

the television cameras. So did the Lebanese Finance Minister, Fouad Siniora. "Lebanon is determined to regain its position ... as a financial and economic centre in the

region," he told us. There is, of course, the little matter of the new Bourse's internal regulations, which have yet to be approved by the State Consultative Council. Neither the Lebanese Central Bank. nor the brokers' federation, it scems, was consulted. And in private, bankers express their concern about the Bourse. Will sufficient names be listed in a But Lebanese are asking why, country where many companies if Rotterdam could be almost are owned by families which rebuilt five years after its 1940 is in no rush to sign up for the

BEIRUT DAYS

idends with the public? Will there be reputable intermediaries in the market? Will there be what one banker called "transparency in operations"? Or, more to the point, can corruption be kept out of the Beirut stock market? Given the current economic

have no interest in sharing div-

gloom in Lebanon, any risk seems worthwhile. With the American-Israeli peace bulldozer apparently making no way with Syria - and therefore none with Lebanon - Lebanese entrepreneurs are watching their investments with something approaching anxiety. Solidere, the \$1.8bn (£1.1bn) company charged with re-building Beirut - and which is not yet listed in the new stock exchange - has still to construct a single building downtown. True, sewage pipes, cables and underground car parks are being positioned through the rubble, and the pre-construction archaeological digs have pro-duced enough Hellenistic statues and Roman mosaic floors to fill a couple of museums.

destruction by the Luftwaffe, Beirut cannot be up and run-ning five years after its civil war ended. Is modern construction that much more complex? Or is Lebanon doing more planning than building? Elissar, a public company set up to rebuild the southern suburbs of the city, has published its proposals for a new coastal strip near the airport which will destroy thousands of shims. Linord, like Solidere, a

privately-owned shareholding real-estate company, has just received government approval for a \$250m development of the coast north of Berrut. The assumption behind all these plans, however, is that the Middle East peace process will embrace both Syria and Lebanon in the great new Arab-Israeli common market of

wealth and development which the world - for which, read the State Department, Israel and CNN - apparently foresees. The trouble is that from Lebanon, this "peace" looks about as fragile and dangerous as the sepulchral ruins which still totter over Beirut's old front line. Syria, which wants the return of all of the Golan Heights,

ments which Yasser Arafat has accepted in "Palestine". And Israel - through the anonymous "military sources" that journalists like to quote in Jerusalem – is talking about the possibility of future conflict with Syria. Which means a battle in Lebanon. Of course, Lebanon deserves

to recover, And when the top

crime story in last Saturday's

L'Orient le Jour was a report of a police swoop on a car con-taining two men having sex with the same girl - the police, the paper told us, arrested the joyeuse troika – things can't be that bad. Besides, the traffic lights are working on the Corniche. Drive down the seafront, turn left for Mazraa and there they are, the first working lights I've seen in Beitut for 19 years. Like vehicle seat-belts - which they routinely cut out of their cars with scissors - the Lebanese regard all safety pro-cedures as obstacles of inconvenience. And at Mazraa, a traffic policeman routinely hustles motorists through the red lights if they are foolish enough to clog the roads by obeying them. Like the Beirut Bourse, first you create facts - only then do you worry about the rules.

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Nuclear testing: France ignores international outcry over a blast that was five to six times more powerful than at Mururoa

Paris dusts off N-test fall-out

STEPHEN JESSEL Paris CHRISTOPHER BELLAMY Defence Correspondent

France brushed aside renewed criticism of its nuclear testing programme after it exploded a device in the South Pacific that was at least five times more powerful than its first test a month ago. The Prime Minister, Alain Juppé, said the series of up to eight explosions would go ahead as planned, ending no later than May.

The blast drew criticism from Russia, Japan, the US, the European Union and South Pacific countries, though not from Britain. The French opposition Socialists said the series should be halted.

The test was at Pangataufa atoll, 25 miles from Muroroa (where the first explosion took place on 5 September), shortly after 12.30am British time on Monday. Fangataufa is used for testing particularly power-ful bombs. The device was five to six times more powerful than that exploded at Muruora, equivalent to 110,000 tons of TNT compared with 20,000 tons in the earlier test.

The explosion should have created a cavern 100 vards across, against 60 yards for the Mururoa test. The rock above would then have collapsed into the cavern, causing slight subsidence on the surface. Fangataufa is smaller than Mururoa, but has been used for only nine tests, compared to 127 on the larger island.

Patricia Lewis of the Verification Technology Information Centre, which monitors nuclear tests, said an explosion the size of Monday's might have started to break Mururoa apart.

Unlike the first test, which was designed to help scientists prepare a simulation programme that would make experiments with real weapons unnecessary, the Fangataufa explosion was the test of a new warhead, the TN-75, which is to be carried by submarines of the Triomphant class. The Triomphant is undergoing sea trials

next year. It will carry 16 missiles, each equipped with six TN-75 warheads. Test data is also expected to be used in designing a warhead for a new longrange cruise missile.

Paris will be neither surprised nor especially dismayed by condemnation of the latest test, calculating that any dam-age had already been done with the announcement earlier this year that testing would be resumed and the first explosion last month.

Opinion polls indicate a clear majority in France opposed to the tests, and the decision to resume them is held partly responsible for the slide in the popularity of President Jacques Chirac, but the public does not seem to regard the issue as one of major importance.

The next test is expected in three to five weeks. Mr Chirac has hinted that the programme of eight tests might be curtailed and the total reduced to seven or six. Dr Lewis expected the remainder to be relatively small, although she did not rule out the possibility of testing a full-size cruise-missile warhead - a number of holes have already been drilled at Mururoa.

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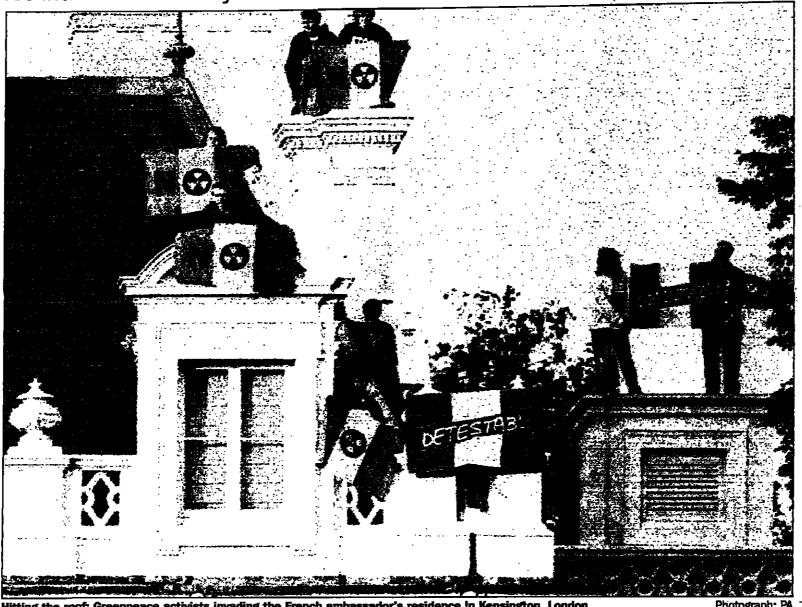
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Below the surface of the second French test

Waves of anger across the Pacific

ROBERT MILLIKEN

France caused fresh outrage in the South Pacific yesterday after it carried out its second underground nuclear test. It dashed any remaining hopes that the protests which swept the world after the test last month would change the mind of the government in Paris.

The test happened within hours of French commandos seizing and taking into custody the Manutea, a Greenpeace yacht. It was the last of four vessels Greenpeace has lost to French raids around Mururoa atoll, where the first in the series of tests took place, and Fan-

Havour

Unlike two of the earlier seizures, Rainbow Warrior II and Vega, the Manutea was outside the 12-mile (20km) military exclusion zone when the commandos boarded it. French military authorities said the arrest was justified because an inflatable craft had been launched into the prohibited zone from the Manutea. Lynette Thorstensen, the Greenpeace campaign director in Tahiti, denied this, and claimed the craft came

Oscar Temaru, leader of Tavini Huiraatira, the Polynesian Liberation Front, the main independence party in French Polynesia, said he had hoped gataufa since early last month. the international outrage and

from another vessel among the

international peace flotilla.

the riots in Tahiti which followed the 5 September test might have persuaded President Jacques Chirac to abandon the rest of what is scheduled to be seven or eight tests up to May.

"My feeling today is more one of pain than anger," he said. "We had confidence in the human being of Jacques Chirac, but for the second time be has allowed his animal instinct to take over. Mururoa and Fangataufa are part of Polynesian heritage. A Polynesian has three mbols in life: land, sea and air. The French have destroyed all three. It's like losing a family member again.'

The French military surprised everyone by taking the unusual step of conducting the latest test on a Sunday, strictly observed as a day of worship among Polynesians, more than 80 per cent of whom are Christians. Tahiti was deserted, with most Polynesians attending or at home. It may h been a tactical move to preempt a repetition of last month's violence, when 3.000 young Polynesians burned and looted the airport and shops in

Papeete, the capital. More than 1,000 gendarmes and riot police patrolled Papeete last night. They were backed by almost five times the number of police who struggled to control the September riots. Tension was high in Papeete, but anti-nuclear and pro-independence leaders called for re-

Australia and New Zealand called in the French ambassadors vesterday to protest. Jim Bolger, New Zealand's Prime Minister, kept the ambassador waiting 15 minutes for a meeting lasting 10 minutes. Mr Bolger said later: "It's just

so much waste because there's no French person alive, from the French President down, who could suggest in any rational way which time and in what circumstances they would use a nuclear weapon and against whom.

Paul Keating, Prime Minister of Australia, said it would be "unceasing and unrelenting" in efforts to press France to abandon the tests.

with Bob McMullan, the acting Foreign Minister, Dominique Girard, the French ambassador. said be had refused to apologise for the tests. "We're doing what we're doing in a most reasonable way with the utmost precaution. So we have nothing to apologise about."

Britain refuses to blame Chirac

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MICHAEL SHERIDAN Diplomatic Editor

The British government yesterday refused to condemn the latest French miclear test, drawing criticism from Labour and the Liberal Democrats and expressions of concern from Australia and New Zealand.

The Government's stance towards the French nuclear programme, born of its desire to stay close to President Jacques Chirac, seems destined to become an embarrassing issue at the Commonwealth Summit in Auckland next mouth.

The size of the latest explosion and the aggressive French action towards Greenpeace protest vessels set off a renewed wave of anger among Pacific nations from Japan to Australasia. The United States regretted" the explosion. The Foreign Secretary, Mal-

colm Rifkind, said yesterday: "It is for the French to justify these nuclear tests." Mr Rifkind said the important fact was that France remained committed to a comprehensive test ban treaty when its last test was complete. This carefully contrived po-sition aims to shift the burden of argument onto the French,

while avoiding any offence to It did not please the Anstralian Foreign Minister Bob McMullan. We are disap-

pointed at the British government's reaction," he said. "It's a pity but they are not cery significant players in the re-

gion any more. The Prime Minister of New Zealand, Jim Bolger, said he had hoped Britain would join other Commonwealth coun-

tries in condemning nuclear

In response, the Foreign Office said it would not be "dragooned" into taking a position in one camp or the other.

But the Labour MP Alf Norris, chairman of the cross-party Anzac group, said Britain was staying silent while old friends were wronged. He said John Major was responsible for a "deafening silence" on the issue.

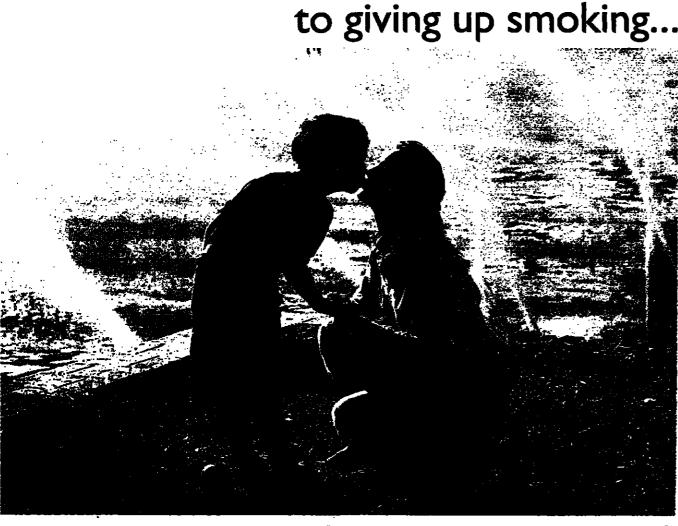
The Liberal Democrat defence spokesman, Meuzies Campbell, also criticised Mr Rifkind's policy. "The British government's continual silence is ... creating a serious rift in our relations with members of the and New Zealand," he said

British officials again denied any data from the French tests would be shared with Britain. The technical differences between the two countries' arsenals make it unlikely that French test results would serve

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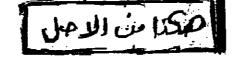
That was the moment I knew I was getting somewhere. You see, he hadn't given me a kiss and hug like that for ages. He obviously preferred a smokefree mum. It was all the encouragement I needed to carry on chewing the new gum I'd just bought. I was trying new mint Nicotinell and it tasted so good, so fresh I knew if I was determined enough it could help me quit. Right now I'm chewing original flavour. It's sugar-free like the mint one and helps beat cravings just as powerfully. I feel as if

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Boom times on way for the Russian reformation

PAUL WALLACE Economics Editor

Russia could be set for an economic boom if it sticks to the path of economic reform, the West's leading economic club said yesterday.

The Russian economy sta-bilised in the second half of 1994 and began to recover in early 1995, says the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development. In 1996, the growth rate could accelerate to up to 10 per cent.

In its first survey of the Russian economy, the OECD says it is imperative that Moscow persists with reform and does not allow inflation to get out of control. "If macroeconomic stabil-isation is successful during 1995 and the momentum of liberalisation is maintained, the Russian economy could enter a period of rapid growth." However, if those conditions are not met, "the upturn could falter" and output "could even fall again in 1996".

The OECD warns that inflation, which was still over 8 per cent in April, is declining more slowly than the government predicted: "the targeted reduction and stabilisation of inflation will be hard to achieve".

Macroeconomic stabilisation was "indispensable" but painful. The rise in real interest rates would lead to initial losses in competitiveness and could cause a big rise in open unemployment. Stabilisation would be enhanced by a move away from crisis fiscal and monetary management to a medium-term programme.

The OECD contests the view that the dramatic collapse in GDP and industrial output since 1990 can be attributed to the government's attempts to cent since 1990 had in any case been "strongly exaggerated". Output was over-reported under Communism, but enter-

ed in understating production to reduce taxes. Electricity consumption had only fallen by 20

per cent from its 1989 level. More important, the serious decline was mainly because of the "sheer magnitude" of the structural changes involved in moving from from the mili-tary-industrial complex promoted under Communism to an economy that conforms more closely to the pattern of production in Western economies. The cosseted industrial sector had taken a beating from the drastic reduction in defence

The decline in the share of industrial output in GDP and the increasing share of resourcedbased goods in exports repre-sent "inevitable and generally beneficial changes in structure rather than the destruction of wealth-creating capacity". It is much better to export raw materials and semi-processed goods at world prices than to absorb huge amounts of energy and other resources in "inefficient domestic production of manufactures with exports at subsidised prices to selected countries"

The report sees encouraging signs that the painful transition away from Communism is well under way. One is the rapid growth of the service sector which has grown from 33 per cent of GDP in 1990 to 50 per cent in 1994, when for the first time production of services exceeded production of goods. Initially retail services were the most dynamic part of the service sector but more recently financial services had grown rapidly, increasing by one-third in 1994 over 1993 according to official statistics.

A further sign of welcome implement a regime of shock structural change is the redi-therapy. It argues that the re-rection of trade towards OECD ported fall in GDP of 50 per countries. In 1994, exports to de- nearly 1 million people. His veloped market economies strong showing could also lead were up by 22 per cent compared with 1993. strong showing could also lead to a renewed bid from the far right to secure a tightening of were up by 22 per cent compared with 1993.

Capitalism looms, page 19 | Latvia's citizenship laws.



Unsettling act: Jewish settlers from the West Bank swimming across the River Jordan into Jordan, as part of a protest against the Israell-PLO agreement on Palestinian autonomy

Photograph: Jim Hollander/Reuter

Far-right vote startles Latvia

ADRIAN BRIDGE Central Europe Correspondent

A German-born right-wing extremist who cannot speak Lat-vian won the second highest number of votes in the Baltic state's general election, causing political turmoil yesterday. The startling success of

Joachim Siegerist's People's Movement for Latvia caught all the country's mainstream parties unawares and appeared to have scotched chances for the formation of a stable governing coalition. Although he is un-likely to join any future coalition, Mr Siegerist's staunchly pro-Latvian views are certain to fan tensions with the country's ethnic Russian community of

counted, the People's Movement for Latvia looked set to capture 15.06 per cent of the vote, only fractionally behind the centre-left Saimnieks party on 15.33 per cent. Third and fourth places went to the cen-trist Latvia's Way, which headed the outgoing government, and the far-right Freedom and

Fatherland party. A delighted Mr Siegerist, who is known to be linked with extreme_right-wing organisations in Germany where he has been charged with inciting racial hatred, declared that he had fully expected the result, de-spite pre-election opinion polls indicating he would win around 5 per cent.

His many critics, however. action is one of utter shock," said Ilza Arklina, editor of the Riga-based Baltic Observer

newspaper. "But many people are also ashamed that so many of their countrymen voted for

Although he was born and raised in Germany, Mr Siegerist claims Latvian citizenship through his father, who, he says, was a Latvian national who fought in the German Wehrmacht in the Second World War. Despite his inability to speak the language, he became involved in Latvian politics shortly after the country declared its independence from

the Soviet Union in 1991. In the 1993 election he ran on a right-wing ticket and wona place in the country's parliament after busing thousands of unlikely. people out to vote for him in a rural constituency and doling out lemonade and bananas. He was later suspended from the parliament for poor

attendance.

Communism and a staunch Latvian nationalism, Mr Siegerist's real political goals remain unclear. But he has a populist touch: during the campaign he promised to help the country's poor, without ever spelling out how he would do it. In true right-wing style he also

promised tough new measures

on law and order.

Until this weekend's election, Mr Siegerist has always been a pariah as far as Latvia's mainstream political parties are concerned. His success in the polls, however, now makes the chances of a majority left or right-leaning coalition very

"The picture is extremely confusing," said Ms Arklina. "Some people are even sug-gesting that the best thing would be to simply hold another



Nakuru – Kenya's leading dissident, Koigi wa Wamwere, pictured in court in 1993 when originally charged, was jailed for four years but was spared the gallows after a capital charge that he mount-

out was spired the gaucovs after a capital charge that he mounted an armed raid on a police station was dropped.

Chief Magistrate William Thiyot's sentencing perplexed many lawyers but relieved Mr Koigi's supporters who had feared he would be given the mandatory death penalty. "The prosecution has proved beyond reasonable doubt that the three accused committed the chief could be Thing to the counter of the mitted the crime," said Mr Tuiyot. "I find the first, second and fourth accused guilty of simple robbery." But the three were not charged with "simple robbery" and defence lawyers immediateby applied for written copies of the judgment, saying they intended to appeal against the verdict. Mr Wamwere is a founder member of the Safina (Noah's Ark) Party, formed last May, though he has been in prison for the past two years.

Reuter

Turkish earthquake kills 55

Ankara - At least 55 people died in an earthquake in the southwestern Turkish town of Dinar. A government minister earlier predicted a final death toll of about 100. An earthquake killed 330 people in Dinar in 1925. Turkey's biggest quake in recent years, in the eastern town of Erzincan in 1992, killed more than 500

France told to steer clear of Comoros

Moroni - The coup leader in the Comoro Islands told France the former colonial ruler, not to intervene, saying he had already honoured a promise to hand power to civilians. A French show of force off the Indian Ocean islands put local troops on edge four days after the coup, which was spearheaded by 20 white mercenaries led by French soldier of fortune, Bob Denard. Reuter

Self-destructing mines not so 'smart'

Vienna - Landmines designed to self-destruct after a short time do not always do so, and will not halt the death and destruction inflicted on civilian populations, Oxfam said. Some nations, including the United States, attending a Vienna conference to review a convention on inhumane weapons, have said self-destructing "smart mines" would not remain a danger to civilians long after a conflict was over.

Somalis wage banana war

Mogadishu - Two powerful Somali faction leaders yesterday banned banana-exporting ships from docking in the capital's sea-port, in a move aimed at depriving their arch-rival, Mohamed Farah Aideed, of finances. A statement signed by Ali Mahdi, who controls north Mogadishu, and Osman Hassan Ali "Ato", General Aideed's former financier, warned of grave consequences for ships ignoring the order.

Libya expels more Palestinians

Salloum, Egypt - Libya expanded refugee camps in the no-man's land along the border with Egypt as it expelled another 80 Palestinians, and hundreds more were expected. The latest arrivals brought to more than 300 the number of Palestinians who are trapped in the zone.

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Sir Fred Warner

Fred Warner's highest post in the Diplomatic Service was as ambassador to Japan from 1972 to 1975, one of the most important embassies at any time but especially so when Japan was emerging as a leading economic power.

He was chosen because of his

outstanding energy and ability in spite of no previous knowledge of Japan or the Japanese language. His performance was considered excellent and after four years it was natural that be should have aspired to an even more prestigious post, Paris. When he was denied this he decided to take early retirement and embark on a new career in the City and as a member of the European Parliament.
Warner's education had been

unusual, in that he attended both the Royal Naval College, Dartmouth, and also Magdalen College. Oxford. It always seemed to me that Magdalen had made the greater imprint on his character.

Fred Warner and I were contemporaries in the Diplomatic Service, both of us having entered immediately after the Second World War. When I first met him he was private secretary to Hector McNeil, then Minister of State, while I was a junior member of one of the Foreign Office departments. He was tall, elegant and goodlooking with a touch of arrogance in his bearing. I found him impressive then and remained impressed whenever I came across him subsequently.

As a young Foreign Office bachelor Warner lived rather grandly in chambers in Albany. He evidently had a certain amount of money of his own and moved easily in smart society. But at the same time he was a serious and hard-working official who made his mark early. At the embassy in Moscow he wrote brilliant reports of journeys undertaken - in those days uncomfortably, even hazardously - in remote parts of the Soviet Union. Later, as a counsellor in the Foreign Office, he was a formidably competent head of the South-East
Asia Department at the time of of surprises, writes Robert the confrontation between Malaysia and Indonesia in the early Sixties. He then had his first embassy as head of mission in Laos, from 1965 to 1967, where again he won high praise. Before his final appointment

to Tokyo, Warner occupied a post usually regarded as a step towards the top of the service, deputy head of the mission to the United Nations in New York with the rank of ambassador. It was there that, aged 52, he married Simone de Ferranti, thus taking on family commitments at a time when most men begin to shed them. They had two sons.

It was no doubt disappointing for Fred and his wife not to many loved him for it. At his died 30 September 1995.

go to Paris after Tokyo. They would have made a brilliant counle. But I doubt whether he would have found the post rewarding then, since the British government were going through a had natch and the French were somewhat sneering about Britain's economic performance. So perhaps it was better for him to take on fresh challenges in the City and also in the political world on becoming a member of the European Parliament in

well in this demanding role. Fred Warner was a lifeenhancing sort of person, full of enterprise and ready to take on new things. He was at his best with people but no dunce on pa-per. I recall, for example, that

1979. He represented Somerset

as MEP for five years and did



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he wrote in 1970 an outstandingly able analysis of the UN aspects of the Rhodesia problem, which had a decisive influence on the evolution of policy un-der Edward Heath's government. But he would not have regarded himself as an intellectual, still less an academic, and he never wrote anything for publication. He was a clever and attractive man with just that extra touch of political flair to take him out of the usual run of able public servants. He had style. Alan Campbell

of surprises, writes Robert Cooper. From the time I first met him in New York in 1970, I never heard him say anything that was ordinary. "And in came the Ghanaian Ambassador looking like an unmade double bed" - recounting a minor diplomatic incident there.

All the time I worked for him in Tokyo, and after, his language, like his life, was entirely original. Interpreting the unexpected phrases into Japanese was a challenge for his private secretary, the more so since he understood enough to for Somerset 1979-84; Chairknow when I had got it wrong. The Japanese found him sur-

with a puzzled respect; but sons, and one stepdaughter);

dinner table you never knew who you would meet. A dinner for businessmen might include an experimental novelist or a iazz musician. The Queen. when she came to Japan, was introduced to Sumo wrestlers as well as tea masters and captains of industry. On tour, Fred took as much delight in talking to the cooks and the gardeners as he did to mayors and governors.

The gardeners especially. A deep love of nature was something he shared with the Japanese. I never found a plant or flower that he was unable to identify. At the ambassador's summer residence at Chuzenji, he cleared the paths for vited for what they thought was a short stroll after lunch. would find themselves on a two-and-a-half-hour hike in the surrounding hills.

Within the Foreign Office, Fred Warner was admired as an outstanding figure. Close to, I learnt to appreciate qualities beyond the knowledge, intellect and political feel he brought to the job. He was endlessly curious and unfailingly courteous. For a man who himself always had something interesting to say, he was an astonishingly good listener.

As ambassador, what he did above all was to put Japan on the map in Britain. He opened many doors, but Britain in those days was not always able to exploit the opportunities. His personal friendship with the head of the giant trading company Mitsui, for example, played a part in the latter's decision to

import British Leyland cars. With the old-fashioned courtesy went an old-fashioned sense of honour. He turned down the job as Permanent Representative in Brussels in 1975 partly because of the difficulty of reconciling his personal commitment to Europe and the increasingly ambiguous attitude of the government of

Frederick Archibald Warner, diplomat: born 2 May 1918; Second Secretary, Foreign Service 1946-50, First Secretary, Moscow 1950-51, Foreign Office 1951-56; Chargé d'Affaires, Rangoon 1956-58, Athens 1958-60, Head of South-East Asia Department, Foreign Office 1960-64, Ambassador to Laos 1965-67, Minister, Nato 1968, Under-Secretary of State, Foreign and Common-wealth Office 1969, Ambassador and Deputy Permanent Representative to UN 1969-72, Ambassador to Japan 1972-75; CMG 1963, KCMG 1972; GCVO 1975; Member (Conservative) of European Parliament man, Overseas Committee, CBI 1985-88: married 1971 Simone prising too. Some regarded him de Ferranti (née Nangle; two



Charles Hutton

Charles Hutton could trace his artistic inheritance directly back to the founders of the Arts and Crafts movement a century ago, William Morris, W.K. Lethaby and C.R. Ashbee. He was Chief Assistant from 1929 to 1936 to Charles Holden, who had himself been Chief As-

sistant to Ashbee from 1897 to 1899. That their names were so similar was coincidental; more important was their common membership of and devotion to the ideals of the Art Workers Guild, where both Holden's and Hutton's portraits can be seen, and where all of the above were at some time Master.

Hutton was elected to the guild in 1951. He became Master in 1968 and also served as Treasurer, Trustee and Secretary, even continuing till 1988 as Honorary Architect. This was the centre of his artistic being, and his work reflected the guild ideals, straight from William Morris, of honesty, solidity and good design. Hutton was born in Scotland,

and he always upheld those Scottish qualities of honest endeavour, hospitality, and a liking for mixing with those of fellow mind, whether friends, fellow artists, or workmen on site. His father was an engineer. working mainly as a boiler inspector in the mills, and the famin Glasgow, where Charles at- to sketch an idea for each stamy, and then in Bolton, also by the assistant.

Holden's home-town, where Hutton first worked as Junior Assistant to R.H. Crook.

He won a scholarship to the Liverpool School of Architecture, and while a student there won the competition for a First World War memorial at Rawmarsh, in Yorkshire, in 1926. graduating in 1928. Later he taught at Liverpool, from 1936 to 1939, and also at the Architectural Association, in London. Hutton's first job after university was in Paris in the office of C.H. Mewes, son of Charles

Mewes who designed the Ritz Hotels, so his first direct influences were Beaux-Arts; but his most memorable job in France was to start the work for a house for the mistress of the per-fume magnate François Coty. He had already returned to England before the project was completed by another, but this first visit to the South of France was the precursor of many in later life, and he retained a fondness for that country, preserved through many skilful pastels. Hutton joined Holden's of-

fice in 1929, during the period when Holden was working with Frank Pick to revolutionise the image of London Transport. Hutton was directly involved with the design of several stations for the Underground, including Osterley and Arnos



Hutton: garden-city corduroys

In 1931 Holden was appointed architect to London University, involving the de-struction of parts of Bloomsbury to build the Senate House. This building was detailed by Charles Hutton, who also drew perspectives of what was to be London's tallest building. He was thus introduced to

the preservation debate, the loss of Georgian Bloomsbury being the modern architect's opportunity. The Underground stations were on green-field sites and remain the best buildings of their locality. They were among the first of their period selected for listing in 1969.

Garden City, near Holden's as teaching he served on BSI Bruce (three daughters); died tended Bellahouston Acade- tion which was then worked up home, and later to Tewin, like- committees, as RIBA reprewise in Hertfordshire. Despite sentative on the boards of Wim-

moving to London in 1946 he always continued with the pipe and casual apparel of garden-city life, having to be bullied out of his corduroys and into the tweed suit for business meetings. During the Second World War he built ordnance factories (at Kirby, Walsall, and Wolverhampton) as Deputy to Sir William Holford. He opened his own office in 1944, in Welwyn, before moving to Hammersmith, and finally retiring to Somerset in 1985. In his London years, Hutton

was busy with a remarkable variety of buildings, built eco-nomically, but using up-to-date ideas and materials, concrete shell roofs for instance at the Murphy Radio factory in Wel-wyn (1953), warehouses and offices for the Danish Bacon Company (1950), the university farm at Wytham, outside Oxford (1952), the Social Club at the Guinness Brewery at Alperton (1960), and schools for Berkshire County Council. He was never an out-and-out modemist, but used new ideas in traditional ways and with fitting materials, particularly brick and tile among the reinforced concrete. He was a master of detail and encouraged contri-butions to his buildings from artists and craftsmen.

He was always willing to

bledon and Kingston Schools of Art, and as advisor to the National Council for Voluntary Organisations on designs for village halls. As well as his work in archi-

tecture Hutton was a skilled cabinetmaker and metalworker, designing and often making furniture, jewellery, silverware, cutlery, and candlesticks, as well as wrought-iron work like wind vanes and gates. He could design and make a box, with handmade hinges, lock and key, inlay brass lettering on the lid, polish it, place a beautifully lettered scroll within. and present it with well-chosen phrases to the recipient. It is especially in this role that he will be remembered, for his last years were spent in his workshop and at his drawing board on fust such projects.

Charles Hutton was a very active man, walking and cycling; and still running up stairs three at a time when 75. He was never interested in business, always charging too little for his time, and was a notably frightening

Charles William Hutton, architect, craftsman: born Annan, Dumfriesshire 28 July 1905; married 1932 Nora Maxwell (née Knaggs; one daughter, marriage dissolved 1950), 1951 Fairlie Williton, Somerset 11 September

Sasha Argov, composer, died 27

Aditya Birla

Aditya Birla was head of an 80billion-rupee (£1.65bn) industrial and business empire spread across India and south-east Although born into a formi-

dable business family, Birla branched out and established an industrial empire of his own which manufactured textiles, chemicals, engineering goods, fertilisers and palm oil. He was one of the first Indi-

an businessmen to start joint industrial ventures in Indonesia, the Philippines and Malaysia, where he was part owner of the

world's largest palm-oil refinery. In south-east Asia alone, Birla's expanding companies are pledged to investing almost £1bn over the next three years. Birla believed the world was

his marketplace, but his manufacturing base was India. "We are not afraid of global com-petition," he said at a time when Indian goods were being trashed overseas. "Let it be afraid of us." Last year alone, his business turnover was a shade under £1bn, almost half of it from overseas concerns. Birla was highly respected by

Trade and his business views and investment suggestions were constantly solicited by com-merce. He believed that big business can prosper only when internationally competitive, an opinion he repeatedly voiced to a protectionist Indian government, supportive of monopolies and unrealistic import tariffs. Birla was born in New Del-

hi in 1944, the favourite grandson of Ghanshyam Das Birla, founder of the vast Birla industrial empire. He graduated

the Indian government. He was in science from St Xavier's a member of the Board of College, in Calcutta, and took a chemical engineering degree from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology in Boston.

> On returning home in 1965, he turned down his grandfather's offer of taking over Hindalco, an aluminium plant, and opted instead to enter the ravon and textile business, then virtually on its last legs, by establishing the Eastern Spinning Mills in Calcutta. Fifteen months later, after his maiden venture registered handsome

profits, he was put in charge of pah to pump money into pro-Hindustan Gas and successfully managed its expansion. Birla was also given control of Indo-Gulf Fertilisers and

Chemicals Ltd, which faced a

liquidity and managerial crisis. Within a short span it became a blue-chip company with a capital outlay today of over £200m. business successes followed and by the late Seventies Birla had acquired the reputation of a wizard, capable of turning ailing companies around through a mixture of daring and the chutz-

jects others were wary about. In 1983, after his grand-father's death, Birla inherited the lion's share of this empire and over the next 12 years became one of India's foremost businessmen. Beside its size,

Birla's empire is also a world leader today in manufacturing A series of industrial and several products - Hindalco is amongst the world's largest low-cost producers of aluminium and Grasim the largest producer of viscose staple fibre. In 1990 Birla was declared Business Man of the Year and

soon after became a director of India's Central Bank and Air India, besides advising the government on its four-year-old market reform policies. A competent badminton

player. Birla was also a moderately successful artist, who held an exhibition of his oil paintings in Bombay in 1990.

Aditya Vikram Birla, businessman, industrialist: born New Delhi 14 November 1944; married (one son, one daughter); died Baltimore 1 October 1995.

September, aged 81. Helped create modern Israeli music, writing more than 1,200 tunes, which borrow largely from Russian foik music. Awarded the Israel Prize in 1988. Doreen Cannon, drama teacher,

died 18 September, aged 64. Taught at the Drama Centre and at the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art, in London, where she was senior acting tutor.

Alison Steele, disc jockey, died New York City 27 September, aged 58. One of the first female disc jockeys in the United States, known to late-night listeners as "the Nightbird".

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Births, Marriages & Deaths

BIRTHS

BURN: In Cambridge, on 17 September, to Susannah and Alastair, a daughter Florence Cecily, a sister for William and Matilda.

DEATHS

JOHNSON: Francis Frederick, CBE DLitt FSA DipArch RIBA, Died on DLitt FSA DipArch RIBA, Died on 29 September, aged 84, He will be greatly missed by his many friends. Funeral service at the Priory Church, Bridlington, on Thursday 5 October at 1 pm followed by a private burial. No flowers please, but if you wish, donations in his memory for the Bridlington Priory Restoration Appeal can be sent to Ernest Brigham Funeral Directors Ltd. 51 St John Street, Bridlington, E Yorkshire YO16 5NN. LACEY: Norma, peacefully on 27 Sep-tember, Wife of John, Mother of Pe-ter and Nick, grandmother of Josh, Olivia, Tom. William, Fred, Lettice. Thea. Charley and Caspar. No flowers. Donations to LSE Foundation, 0171-955 7075. Service at St Michael's, Highgate, at 12 noon on Monday 9 October. WARNER: Sir Fred Archibald, GCVO

Agencies of Pren Architologic Co. KCMG, died peacefully at home on Saturday 30 September surrounded by a loving family and friends. A small functal will take place at St Mary's. Stoke Abbot, Dorset, on Friday 6 October. The date for a mer October. The dale for a memorial ser-vice will be announced later. Dona-tions can be made to the Tree Donor Scheme (BTCV), 36 St Mary's Street, Wallingford, Onfordshire OX100EU. Flowers may be sent, if preferred, En-quiries to A.J. Walkeley, Bridport, 01308 423726.

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Forthcoming marriages Mr B. I. Shefford

and Miss V. J. Lloyd

The engagement is announced be-tween Benedict, elder son of Mr T. Shefford, of Rhodes Minnis, Kent, and Mrs R. Shefford, of Cologne, Germany, and Viktoria Jane Lloyd, youngest daughter of Mrs J. Lloyd, of Lenham Heath, Kent.

Birthdays

Sir Stephen Brown, president of the Family Division, a former Lord Jusraining Division, a former Lore instance of Appeal, 71; Mr Christopher Bruce, dancer and choreographer, 59; Mr Chubby Checker, rock singer, 54; Mr John Craxton, artist, 73; Lord Deaham, former Lord-in-Waiting to the Queen, 68; Mr Roger Ellis, for-mer Master of Marlborough College, 66; Sir Terence English, Master, St Catharine's College, Cambridge, 63; Mr Neale Fraser, tennis player, 62; Sir Roger Hervey, former ambassador to Mesico, 61; Lord Knights, former Chief Constable, West Mid-lands, 75; Mr Ray Lindwall, cricketer, 74; Mr Ruggero Raimondi, operatic bass, 54; Sir Shridath Ramphal QC, former Secretary-General of the Commonwealth, 67; Mr Steve Michael Reich, composer, 59; Viscount Sidmouth, former colonial of-

Mr John Suthern, jockey, 44; Mr Gore Vidal, author, 70. Anniversaries

Births: Pierre Bonnard, painter. 1867: (Henri-Alban) Alain-Fournier. writer, 1886; Louis Aragon, poet and novelist, 1897; Thomas Clayton

ficer, 81; Sir John Stow, former

Governor-General of Barbados, 84;

Wolfe, novelist, 1900; Sir Michael Murray Hordern, actor, 1911. Deaths: St Francis of Assisi, 1226;

William Morris, writer, artist and printer, 1896; Carl Nielsen, composer, 1931; Sir Arnold Edward Trevor Bax, composer, 1953; Sir Henry Malcolm Watts Sargent, conductor, 1967; Woody (Woodrow Wilson) Guthrie singer and composer, 1967. Guthrie, singer and composer, 1967; Jean Anouilh, playwight, 1987. On this day: Gilbert and Sullivan's Yeomen of the Guard was first performed, 1888; Queen Victoria and her children were filmed while at Balnoral, 1896; the international distress signal SOS was adopted, 1906; the official name of the Kingdom of Serbs, Croats and Slovenes was changed to Yugoslavia, 1929; Italian troops in-vaded Abyssinia (Ethiopia), 1935; the first British atomic device was ex-ploded in the Monte Bello islands, in the Pacific, 1952; East and Wes Germany were reunited as the Federal Republic of Germany, 1990. To-day is the Feast Day of St Attilanus, St Froilan, St Gerard of Brogne, St Ewald the Dark. St Ewald the

Lectures

National Gallery: Alexander Sturgis, "Myths and Fables (i): Piero di Cosi-mo in the National Gallery", 1pm. Victoria and Albert Museum: Jane Shaw, "Terracotta Sculpture Tech-Tate Gallery: Mark Dorden, "Cindy Sherman", 1pm.

niques in England", 2.30pm.

Fair, St Hesychius and St Thomas Cantelupe of Hereford.

British Museum: Renée Friedman. "City of the Lions; excavations at Tell el-Muqdam", 1.15pm. National Portrait Gallery, Jacobite Lecture Series: John Cooper, "King James II and the Origins of

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Luncheons HM Government

Mr Jeremy Hanley MP, Minister of State for Foreign and Commonwealth Affairs, yesterday hosted a farewell hunch at Lancaster House, London SW1, for Senor Ignacio Ar-caya, the Venezuelan Ambassador.

Royal Institution of Chartered

Mr Simon Pott, President of the Roy al Institution of Chartered Surveyors, yesterday hested a huncheon at the Royal Institution of Chartered the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, London SW1, for Mr David Curry MP, Minister for Local Government, Housing and Urban Regeneration at the institution's

Appointments

Mr John Chalstrey, to be Lord Mr Steoben Harris Lloyd, to be a circuit Judge, assigned to the South-Eastern Circuit (not the Northern Circuit, as previously announced).

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Inquiries necessary before removing campers

Council, ex parte Afkinson; R v Wealden District Connecil, ex parte Wales and ex parte Stratford; Queen's Bench Division (Mr Justice Sedley); 31 Angust 1995

A local anthority, when deciding whether to exercise its power under the Criminal Justice and Public Order Act 1994 to make removal directions against persons unlawfully encamped on land in its locality, must have regard to various statutory and humanitarian considerations relating to the welfare, health and other needs of those affected.

Mr Justice Sedley granted a declaration that it was incumbent on Lincolnshire to take into account material considerations when issuing a re-moval direction but refused to quash its removal directions. and quashed removal directions made by Wealden and corresponding removal orders.

council made removal directions against travellers with Law Project) for the applicants; vehicles following objections. No contact was made with the travellers until they failed to Langham (District Solicitor) for the leave. Visits were then made by social and education welfare workers. The travellers made

LAW REPORT

Complaints were then laid be- dealt with local authorities' fore justices who made removal orders.

council gave a removal direction to all occupants of vehicles on land and obtained removal orders from the justices which were not enforced pending inquiries about health and other needs of the occupants. Following inquiries, the council decided there were no special grounds for not enforcing the removal order except in relation to a pregnant woman and

her family. The applicants, who were encamped on the councils land, applied for judicial review of the directions and orders. The issue of whether a removal direction affected persons who arrived on the land after the date when it was given also arose.

In Lincolnshire's case, the David Wakinson and Colin Hutchinson (Firth Lindsay, Sheffield; Public Patrick Ground QC and Timothy Straker (County Solicitor); Richard

Mr Justice Sedley said that secno requests for assistance. tions 77 to 79 of the 1994 Act

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powers to remove unauthorised campers. The considerations to In the Wealden cases the . which regard must be had when a local authority exercised: those powers, which were notstatutory, were considerations of common humanity that could not be ignored when dealing with fundamental human needs for shelter and a

modicum of security. The statutory duties includ-ed the duty under the Children Act 1989 to safeguard and promote the welfare of children in need, to provide accommodation for children in need, the duty under the Housing Act 1985 in relation to persons who unintentionally became homeless, and under the Education Acts to provide education for school-age children.
As the local authority had an

initial discretion whether or not to give a removal direction in relation to an encampment, it must necessarily apply its mind to the people who were for the time residing there and the residents in the locality and strike a balance between competing and conflicting needs. Therefore a removal direction under section 77 could apply only to

persons who were on the land at the time when the direction was made, and could be contravened only by such persons.

In Lincolnshire's case, the inquiries made after the removal direction were proper and sufficient to discharge the council's obligation to inform itself of the relevant facts and nothing emerged to modify its decision. In the Wealden cases the inquiries made after the justices' removal order brought into full consideration the relevant matters.

The giving and service of a removal direction criminalised anybody who, knowing of it, failed to go or, having gone, returned to the site. It was at the initial stage of deciding whether to give the removal di-rection, and to whom to give it. that it was necessary for the local authority to consider the relationship of its proposed action on the various statutory and humanitarian considerations which would be called into play, and to make provision and decision accordingly. In Lincolnshire's case a declaration would be granted and certiorari declined. In the Wealden cases, its directions

Ying Hui Tan, Barrister

and the justices' orders would

be quashed.

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To: Tony Blair
From: Philip Gould (aka DM)
Subject: Unfinished Revolution Decision time for Labour When did Labour ever Dear Ton trust a I know you will be spelling out again with colleagues this week the need costs to business? I don't feel these are not to be complacent. While it is true that no government has had ratings so dilemmas we have yet resolved. Perhaps we are driven back to the old notion of low for so long as the present one, it might help to stress Labour's extraor-"the enabling state" to define a "coherent theory of Blairism". Maybe we need a new way of saying this. If you agree I will discuss with BMP. dinary experience in the run-up to the orger things was roundw, per let's not object things was we say that Margaret that heer in averaged light into the 1979 feature the thing the state, in sain at least shrinking the state, in slain the latest arrives and reviving the state, in state, in a feature of the latest sain receives an arrive in the latest issue 1964 election. We are 19 months away from the last moment that John Major. Economy (and old Labour) can call the election. At the same point Gordon Brown was excellent in holdhere. Even Liz Davies welcomed it, for in 1963 Gallup had Labour at 50 points, goodness sake. But it is vital that we stick ing the line against "tax, spend and borand in the summer of that year its lead row" yesterday and was rewarded by opposition falling away when the minimum wage motion and the T&G's old to our line on not raising personal taxover the Tories went up to 20 points ation for ordinary aspiring families and amazing for that era (graph attached). that Brown is given continued public backing from the whole Shadow Cabival by Alex De Mont, a former The government had been engulfed avid Owen adviser who has now med Libour and is on the board of it. Social Market Foundation. He Labour rallying cry on the economy in sleaze; the prime minister was widely weren't even pressed to a vote. All our regarded as ineffective, and Labour had quantitative and qualitative polling a hugely popular leader in Harold emplesshed new policies by themselves will have produce a new identity for new earlier; as they sailed to do for the SPP, novelty eventually loses its shine the test of the Blainst framework will shows that GB's got it right, and in any Wilson (personal approval rating after the 1963 party conference of 67 per-Don't let what I said about a unified case we modernisers thoroughly reject the idea that Labour can or should go command structure in May distract us cent compared with the newly cho into the next election once again hamfrom the need to demonstrate that Sir Alec Douglas Home's 42). Yet in the mering middle-income, let alone lower-Labour is not a one-man band. Unless month before the election our lead narbe the extent to which it transcends income, groups with higher taxes. I we do something about this we will rowed to only three points and on JP(1) and PM on target seats.

for potential tar cars. Second, Europe:
the current district over EMU could.
How the Tories could recover case voter aliciating Tory division, parJuly wasn't, of course, a Tory reliability. The lightly into the Euro-rebels were know, too, that you are pretty dismissive of the idea that the neo-Keynesian Labour Party boundaries and reposibecome increasingly vulnerable to what tions social democracy beyond tradiis sure to be an intensifying line of Tory The political battleground tional right and left agendas".
This may be just a lot of SDP flanattack: that you are persuasive but the rest of the Shadow Cabinet belong to left has any coherent strategy, let alone 1963 and 1995 the leadership and organisation, to offer a credible alternative. But there But the government resimilie has been warmly disposed towards. Riffeind's at least partly successful. On the one "British interests" speech at Chatham a different, "real", and thoroughly unreconstructed Labour Party (see nel and De Mont doesn't give examples. But let me try one on you. The Govare quite a few disgruntled pro-Labour Standard cutting, attached, top right). hand our private polling shows quite a House. As you well know, our focus ernment has been discussing for some academics around who are looking for settled view on the part of the electronic groups of disaffected fory voters area't torate that Heseltine is there because keen on an uncritical line towards the time scrapping both state industrial Our polling suggests that beside your-self, only GB, JP(1) and to some extent a more old-style redistributive and jobcreating programme. These guys have keen on an uncritical line towards the injury insurance and state maternity BU; we must avoid ending up out-fienced and looking more pro-European of a deal to save Major's skin, which benefit. We have opposed, as you would to be watched, if only because they help HH have a clear identity with the votworks against Major's public image. But Heseltine is certainly an effective expect, both these plans. But wait a minute - isn't the principle involved just to fuel unease within the party. Keep ers. RC and JS are there, of course, but than the Europeans themselves. Should an eye, too, on Roy Hattersley, who was need to be higher profile, singing the mesenter (who yesterday apposition in some personal press spokesman) and as Major's main front man, along with The project Clarke, is capable of drawing blood! Famisgriff and less womed than I was from us. This is going to be increasingly about what I called in May "the lack of important from the late antenna. The a palitical project that matches the some onestion in town that matters is That they agend of 1979, nor one that at it again on tax yesterday. And we should note the research in the Indepresenter (who yesterday appointed his JP(2) prepare a paper on this? the same as that for the national minisame tune, of course. Plans are in hand mum wage? Namely that the state/taxto ensure that happens. Meanwhile: payers should not subsidise employers pendent yesterday showing that not all have a good one. PG. that do not fulfil their responsibilities. the new members joining the party are After all, if employers were obliged as reconstructed opponents of tax and PG Philip Gould, Blair adviser, JP(1) John Prescott, JP(2) Jonathan Powell, to take out third-party insurance against industrial injuries the insurance comspending as we had hoped. March 1963 Sept 1995 We all know that part of our task is going to be "can Labour be stopped?" will be able to sustain Labour in gov-And we can expect to see the Daily Mail . Economic and transform Britain". Since Blair's chief of staff; AC Alastair Camppanies would soon ensure that their to bring old Labour with us - without Conservative Liberal/ LibDem (95) bell, Blair's press secretary; GB Gordon Brown; PM Peter Mandelson; RC Robin health and safety policies were up to making concessions - and I thought GB and maybe the Sun joining the Dolly the tramph of replacing Clause IV and the development of policy after that, a line clause tasticean slowly to take the common tasticean stop. scratch. Far from taking the traditional was first-class at finding the right lan-Express in trying to make yes. This is obviously AC to Labour Other "left" position that the state should proguage to do this yesterday. That's partly Cook; JS Jack Straw; HH Harriet Harvide, shouldn't we be saying let's relieve the taxpayer of this burden and put it what I was getting at in May when I warned that Labour was not "yet a coheman; BMP Boase Massimi Pollitt -Labour's advertising agency. tion? want the tild-style on the employers. Or have we moved sive, integrated political party sharing so far to the "right" that we, like the same political ideology". GB's Government, shrink from adding any promise on VAT on fuel was a big help DM - Donald Macintyre.

Diary

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VICKY WARD

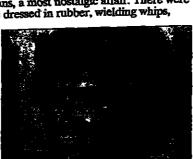
Alarmed, they shook their heads, locked their doors and told their teenage children to stay in: Cynthia Payne was holding her final party.

It was, according to Payne party veterans, a most nostalgic affair. There were men dressed as vicars, retired prostitutes dressed in rubber, wielding whips, and plenty of bedroom activity - all in

kept muttering, while la grande dame was misty-eyed with emotion. She held the party as a final tribute to days gone by, since, in the style of the Princess of Wales, she is retiring "from public

you we don't accept luncheon vouchers," they told passengers jokingly, sighing afterwards: "we

Delegates attending the conference of the International by Nelson Mandels in Geneva is Sibelius," a BBC executive announced excitedly, "and I know that someone else's is Presley. The composer's name from Bach to Strauss until he acknowledges one. Ah well. I guess if beats talking about the telecommunications industry.



Retiring Cynthia

student at a Cotswold comprehensive asking for literature on Tory Party policy on Europe to help her for her history coursework project comparing current divisions in the party over Europe with those provoked by the

It seems, however, that Mr Clifton-Brown's sensibilities were offended by her approach. Instead of responding to Ms Street, he wrote to her headmaster, saying "It is really not the function of a Member of Parliament to assist students with their courses ... this request is going well beyond the parameters of an MP ... I would be most grateful if you would pass on this information to all your staff to preclude other students

Ms Street, an intelligent lady, on course for Oxford, is understandably miffed, "All I wanted was a leaflet. I hardly think he would have got a deluge of pestering letters," she says.
"He also had the cheek to send me a

letter on my 18th birthday - because. no doubt, he wants my vote at the general election." Something tells me he's blown that one.

Speaking of Tory splits on Europe, this week sees the launch of Andrew Roberts's début thriller, *The Aachen* n, a work of unadulterated propaganda for the Eurosceptic cause (Roberts is the historian who joined John Redwood's bandwagon in the summer). His book is set in the United States of Europe

in 2045 where evil and corruption abound in government (of course) and the good guys are the insurrectionist movement of Nats (nationalists). The most mystifying thing about

this book is the identity of the man upon whom Roberts has based his fat, balding, but none the less very hrilliant asthmatic journalist bero, Horatio Leston.

Vestigially, he is undoubtedly Matthew d'Ancona, a fellow of All Souls and assistant editor of the Times who published the controversial Irish Framework document earlier this year. Roberts labels Leston the "demon document detective" — a reference to d'Ancona's forthcoming publication alleging that certain fragments found at Oxford are eye-witness accounts of Christ. "There are also," Roberts concedes, "parts of Dean Godson - a Sanday Telegraph leader writer - in him." But Lestoq has one character trait that d'Ancona assures me he does not recognise. The man is a regular Lothario. And when he isn't actually in bed with a pouting mega-babe, he has sex on the brain.
"When he gets to the bedreom, all nce to me ends," says d'Ancons firmly. "That's the part of him that was unmistakably Andrew Roberts [recently married] in his

To the launch of Prospect, Britain's new phiralistic political monthly magazine, which, it must be said. bears a closer resemblance to an inflight magazine, on the outside at least, than to any august political journal. Still, the party at Senate House, in Bloomsbury, London, was,

to everybody's enormous surprise, packed Many, including John Brown, owner of Viz magazine, had not got a clue why they had been asked. "I don't understand it," Brown told friends. "David Goodhart [Prospect's editor] asked me to contribute in the magazine's funding. I refused - not very politely - yet he still asked me."

But all became clear when Goodhart got up to speak. He thanked all those who had contributed and all those who hadn't - for the latter he said had stiffened his resolve to publish. "That's why I decided to invite them tonight ... they know who they are," he declared. At which point several in the room, Brown included, stared fixedly into their drinks.

Those of you who can recall from Four Weddings and a Funeral, Duckface's floral bridal arrangement - surely one of the factors that caused Grant's character to jilt her at the altar - may be interested to know that its manufacturer has written a book called Wedding Flowers, published this month. In the manner of Hugh Grant, the florist Simon Lycett, 28, has acquired fame on the back of FWAP. Not only has Ebury press asked him to write the book on wedding arrangements, but he has also just finished doing the flowers for the forthcoming film Restoration, starring Meg Ryan and Robert Dowey jnr. "My next project is Trevor Nunn's Twelfth Night," be tells me happily. At last! A suitable period for that revolting flowery headpiece.





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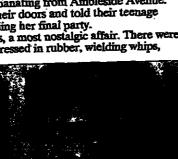
On Saturday night, respectable residents of Streatham, south London, heard for the first time in 20 years a din emanating from Ambleside Avenue.

and plenty of best own activity—an arther incongruous surroundings of Payne's typically neat suburban decor—flowery wallpaper and patterned carpets. "Just like the old days," guests

Even local cabbies who collected guests in the small hours shed a tear or two. "Before you get in, we better tell haven't had to say that for 20 years."

Telecommunications Union, opened yesterday, perked up when they learnt that security required them each to have a conference code-name. Mine million dollar question is, what is John Birt's?" The Beeb men plan, I believe, to walk up to Birt throughout the convention calling him every

in the good old days MPs existed to help and represent their constituents. Alas, it seems that nowadays Geoffrey Chitton-Brown, Ray MP for Circucster and Rewissbury thinks he is far too busy for such humdrum concerns. He recently received a letter from



18-year-old Amy Street, an A-level Corn Laws in 1846.

writing with similar requests."

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And for his next trick ...

Since the trauma of the 1992 election, the Labour Party has sweated hard to rid itself of its high tax image. But if the party won't raise taxes, how will it fund any programme to improve the lot of the unemployed, the schoolchildren and the patients? In the past, Labour has said that the key was to bring down unemployment and release some of the billions of pounds currently paid to them in benefits. How the magic reduction in unemployment was to take place remained unclear, especially if there was to be no extra spending in the short term to get people into jobs.

Gordon Brown's policy proposals, out-lined over the past few days, attempt to fill this gap. As of yesterday, Labour now has a list of programmes to help the under 25s and the long-term unemployed to find work. Sure, it will cost a lot; at least a billion in the first year. But now the Shadow Chancellor, when asked how he'll pay for it, can brandish his windfall tax on the utilities. "Look," he cries, "in my left hand I have a programme, and in my right hand, hey presto! I have the money!"

It is a neat bit of political footwork. But is it right? Hypothecating the windfall tax to pay for unemployment is a device to explain how expensive policies and not increasing individual taxes are compatible. It is not necessarily the economic structure most appropriate to solving the problem of unemployment, or utility taxation. If, for instance, the windfall tax were to raise less money than expected, would the training programme be reduced

by that amount? Of course not. It would be better (if less spectacular) to keep the

two commitments separate. The second major theme of the Shadow Chancellor's address shares some of these rather showy characteristics. In calling for a cut in VAT on fuel to 5 per cent, Mr Brown is attempting to shift the tax/spend debate in a different direction again. By avoiding any judgement about the overall level of tax, or about when tax cuts would be preferable to spending increases, he is focusing instead on the structure of taxation, and which kinds of tax cuts would be preferable to others. On the face of it this is a much easier argument for Labour to win. Cutting VAT on fuel is more progressive than most tax cuts because it benefits even those who are too poor to pay tax altogether. But leaving aside the environmental arguments about taxing fuel consumption, is a wholesale cut in VAT on fuel better than, say, reducing the level of VAT on a wider range of items?

Most important, the really difficult questions about the overall burden of taxation, or who would win any possible trade off between £500m on VAT cuts and increased education spending, all remain unan-swered. For Gordon Brown there is little to be gained and much to be lost by giving any more detailed commitments on tax and spending so long before an election. But at the moment there is the slightly unhealthy whiff of low politicking about Mr Brown's proposals: a politicking which next week the Tories will be only too happy to match.

The wall comes down in Ireland

Two unconnected events yesterday should give us hope for a political settlement in Ireland. First, David Trimble, the new Ulster Unionist leader, visited Dublin for talks. Second, Dr Desmond Connell, the Catholic Archbishop of Dublin, said he was sorry if he had misled the Irish public.

Seen together these developments

highlight an extraordinary phenomenon: the crumbling of a rigid social and political order that has held back the chances of reconciliation between the island's communities.

Until relatively recently the grip of the Catholic church was unchallenged south of the border; bishops did not apologise. Likewise, Protestant Unionism was unyielding in its northern citadel: its leaders did not sup in Dublin. So the southern and northern states polarised, one the bastion of Irish Catholic nationalism, the other a beleaguered guardian of British values, culture and the Protes-

tant religion. All this is changing. The fall from grace of the Irish bishops has been dramatic. As we report today in our second section, their authority has recently been severely undermined by scandals, including child abuse by several priests and revelations that some senior clergy have for years been breaking their vows of celibacy. Finally, yesterday, Dr Connell apologised for any confusion sown by his earlier denial that church funds were used to make settlements in sex abuse cases. Church money, albeit a loan, has in fact been used to pay an alleged victim.

Public exposure of these scandals marks the secularisation of southern Irish society. The Republic's young, well-educated population has lost faith in clerical author-

Just as with electronic tagging and prison privatisation, the Government's

reported enthusiasm for a British Alca-

traz is another sign of the obsession with

American law and order fads. Supermax

prisons are all the rage in the US and it

seems one or two are to be recom-

mended in the forthcoming report on

prison security from general Sir John

Of course, there is a case for concen-

trating the greatest security risks in one

or more fortress prisons. By focusing

resources on those who genuinely pose a

severe threat to the public, security lev-

cls elsewhere in the system could be

reduced. But there is a significant down

side. The costs - both to build and to run

a Supermax - are likely to be exorbitant.

Who would envy the staff asked to work

there? And what message would be sent to the prisoners, confined to a jail they

Only a fool would deny the seriousness

would see as the end of the line?

ANOTHER VIEW Stephen Shaw

No security for the jailer

ity. After 75 years of self-government, Irish citizens have gained enough self-con-fidence to rethink what defines their sense of Irishness. One result is that nationalism is increasingly being shorn of its territorial ambitions in Ulster. In a similar vein, Irish identity is no longer inex-tricably linked to being Catholic. Mary Robinson, the country's secularist Presi-dent, spends much of her time preaching a new type of Irishness that is neither religious in orientation nor territorially acquisitive. She speaks instead of a nation that includes an emigrant diaspora, unbounded by borders.

Of course, vestiges of the old Irish state remain: divorce and abortion remain illegal. But the direction of development, towards pluralism and diminished Catholic cierical power, is clear.

All of this makes it easier for Mr Trimble to come to Dublin to meet the Irish premier; the first Unionist leader to do so for nearly 30 years. And, appropriately, Mr Trimble arrived with an assertive rather than a traditional confrontational message. He urged John Bruton, the Taoiseach, to take Ireland back into the Commonwealth and to end the Irish Republic's constitutional claim to the North. Just a decade ago, such changes would have been as unthinkable as the Archbishop of Dublin admitting error. Today both options are under serious consideration. And if Britain and the Republic joined a single European currency, Mr Trimble's third demand - a merger of the Irish punt and the pound could also be achieved.

Somehow, less than a month after Mr Trimble's controversial election, the omens for his leadership look considerably better than feared.

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Human rights, British politicians and the European Court

From Mr Donald Cape

Sir: From the 1950s, acceptance of the European Convention on Human Rights has been regarded as necessary to qualify for mem-bership of the Council of Europe, whose statute Britain helped to draft. In recent years acceptance of the jurisdiction of the court and of the right of individual petition has been required of wouldbe new members, such as the formerly Communist countries of Eastern Europe.

To withdraw now would be to proclaim to the world that Britain, alone of all the countries of Europe (including Turkey), is unwilling to offer "all persons within its jurisdiction" an inter-national guarantee of "their human rights and fundamental

freedoms Is this what Bill Cash, MP. (Another View, 29 September) really wants? Yours faithfully.

DONALD CAPE Guildford, Surrey 30 September The writer was the UK Permanent Representative to the Council of

Europe, 1978-83.

From Mr Nick Hancock Sir: Bill Cash's alternative leader on the topic of the European Court of Human Rights perfectly illustrates the need for that court - and, indeed, for the Convention

on Human Rights to be incorporated into our domestic law. When he complains about awards in favour of avowed terrorists and convicted drug traffickers, he fails to appreciate that, however odious they may seem to us, they too have rights. It was to protect these rights after the excesses of the Second World War that the convention was drawn up.
Mr Cash is afraid of judges

making politically motivated decisions; he does not appreciate

sions - particularly those of politi-cians themselves. It is when political or public pressure is greatest that independent financial scrutiny is most needed. Maybe this was why the Government has recently had so many run-ins with the courts, both domestic and international. Yours faithfully,

NICK HANCOCK Solicitor Scarcroft, West Yorkshire 29 September

From Mr Simon Creighton Sir: The High Court ruling that Michael Howard acted unlawfully in setting the parole review of five IRA prisoners will come as no surprise to prisoners or their lawyers. Earlier this year the European Commission on Human Rights had already decided that a similar complaint by another discretionary lifer over delays of more than a year in his first parole hearing was

tible for consideration. This judgment must be seen in the context of the Government's refusal to accept the European Court ruling on the Gibraltar killings. The European Court forced the Government to adopt its present procedures for the release of discretionary lifers some years ago, and the halfhearted manner in which this has been done highlights the reluctance to comply with these judgments. It is particularly worrying that the present government seems to find the provision of basic human rights either unde-sirable or unaffordable.

Mr Howard has found his policies and decisions declared unlawful on an unprecedented number of occasions. The irony

that are revealed in such cases. Yours faithfully, SIMON CREIGHTON Prisoners' Advice Service London, NW1

From Ms Sarah Hipperson Sir: Colin Brown's article "Britain could quit convention" (29 September) confirms my understanding that some of Her Majesty's ministers only have respect for the law when it enables them to carry out their political policies; when the law gets in their way they simply ignore it, leaving the injured par-ties to seek relief through the

29 September

Michael Howard seems to have the same tendency to go beyond his ministerial powers that Michael Heseltine has. Both have had to be brought into line by the courts on numerous occasions.

When Mr Heseltine was Secretary of State for Defence he made by-laws for Greenham Common in 1985, producing invalid law in excess of his lawmaking power. It took a long four-year journey through the courts before he was brought into line. Lord Lowry noted in the judgment that

It is up to the law-maker to keep within his powers and it is in the public interest that he should take care in order that the public may be able to rely on the written word as representing the law.

If Her Majesty's Government attempts to deny her citizens access to the European courts, there should be an outcry from all who value the right to call to account ministers like Messrs

SARAH HIPPERSON Greenham Common Berkshire 2 October

From Mr Genard Feehily Sir: Tim Willcocks (letter, 30 Sep-tember), in his assertion that IRA members had to "be prepared for the consequences" of fighting a war with Britain, is either being extremely naive or wilful.

Never in the 25 years of the conflict did the British army or successive governments ever make clear to the broader public that they were fighting a "terrible and unnecessary war". Rather, they claimed to be neutral arbiters in an age-old conflict between Northern Irish nationalists and loyalists. Any other claim would have undermined Britain's argument for keeping troops in the province; and, since 1994, would have undermined its status as guarantor of the peace process. It is only in this context that the British government's hostility to the European ruling becomes

clear. If the SAS did unlawfully kill three "unfortunate" members of the IRA, how does this square with Britain's supposed role? To imply, as Mr Willcocks does, that the Gibraltar Three were casualties of war is to imply that the army and the IRA were equal belligerents. This also sug-gests that the IRA was not a terrorist organisation, but an army with legitimate goals. It would be most surprising if any member of

the Government or the British army were to come out publicly and agree with him. GERARD FEEHILY

Thalidomide facts

From Mr Christopher Lingurd

Sir. Roger Jones of Penn Pharma-

ceuticals (Magazine: "The return

of thalidomide", 23 September)

may well have spotted a lucrative

niche market for his company's

product but, as a commentator on

the thalidomide parents' settle-

ment with Distillers in the early

Seventies, he displays a dangerous

The fact that thalidomide

caused the birth defects was

never questioned by Distillers,

who simply maintained that it was

had evidence that weakened their

own case is scurrilous nonsense

to fight the case and who wielded

that economic muscle in rather

distasteful ways. The fact that the

parents achieved a settlement at

Unfortunately, since the Seven

all reflects creditably on them.

lack of comprehension.

Paris 30 September

From Mr Giles Radice, MP Sir: The National Executive Committee's report The Future of the European Union, which is to be debated at the Labour Party conference on Tuesday morning, is undoubtedly the most pro-European document ever to be published by the party. It proposes a European Recovery Fund to tackle unemployment, more qualified majority voting and greater powers for the European

Foreign Secretary, Malcolm Rifkind Mr Rifkind's new European doctrine that "it may be appropriate to accept a loss of influence if that is the only way to protect our interests" may please the Tory Euro-sceptics. But, if carried into operation, it would lead yet again to impotent

1999, then soon afterwards, Germany, France and some other countries will have introduced a

Clarke, is right to keep open the option of British participation and to prepare for it, just as the Labour Party is right, in opposition, to declare its support in principle, provided that our economy is in good enough shape by then. Sensible British Europeans understand that, if Emu does go certainly benefit more from being inside rather than outside.

Yours. GILES RADICE -MP for Durham North (Lab)

Too brutal

From Sir Denys Lasdun Sir: Your article ("Brutalist, original, but a slum", 2 October) about Keeling House is seriously misleading. The building is struc-turally sound. It requires restoration, when it will then provide some 60 homes with a life expectancy of at least 60 years. The building was much loved by its previous tenants. Yours sincerely, DENYS LASDUN London, SW1 2 October

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Fallacies of the publishing market

From Professor Conrad Russell Sir: Germaine Greer's onslaught on Oxford and Cambridge University Presses ("Away with price-fixing - and on with VAT!", 29 September) shows that she has fallen victim to the fallacy that everything can be done by the principles of the market

University presses are, and must be, dedicated not to publishing profitable books, but to publishing good books. A book publishing good books. A book that transforms its field may achieve sales well short of four figures. Footnotes on the page, which irritate commercial publishers, are essential to the book's credibility and usefulness. Such books cannot be published unless they are given some protection from the rigours of the market: Gresham's Law applies to books as clearly as it does to money, and in both cases markets have to be

My father was irritated that he had to pay Cambridge University Press £50 to print his - and on with VAT!", 29 Sep-

Principia Mathematica. However, he understood that on pure market terms it could not have been published at all. Ms Greer's principles would prevent the publication of this sort of book, while allowing a rapid growth of pulp scholarship. Is this what she wants? Yours sincerely, CONRAD RUSSELL King's College, London London, WC2

29 September From Mr Mike Petty Sir: Whatever the rights and wrongs of the collapse of the Net Book Agreement. I am becoming increasingly irritated and depressed by the view that seems to be gaining currency in your pages that books are "ridiculously" cheap to manufacture, the implication being that publishers

are somehow profiteering. Germaine Greer is the latest offender ("Away with price-fixing

tember); Hamish McRae yesterday baidly stated ("Start writing a different chapter", 28 September) that the cost of a book was less than 10 per cent of its real price. Certainly that's true for the big bestsellers which in practice will be the only books to be discounted by the chains, but for the sort of first novels I tend to deal in the true cost is much more like 30 per cent.

Take away up to 50 per cent for the bookshop and 10 per cent for the author, and you don't even have enough for overheads.

I spend much of my working

life, as do most publishers, trying to make the sums work. Today's Rushdies are only published at all because those who control the purse strings are prepared to take a reasonably long view, and because the bestsellers can, if you believe in that particular form of accountancy, subsidise them. Yours faithfully, MIKE PETTY

London, WC2 29 September The writer is a publisher of fiction.

Poetry outside the arts establishment

From Mr Nicholas Albery Sir: Contrary to John Walsh's remarks (Diary, 28 September), there is nothing patronising about blowing the London Poetry Marathon's publicity budget on paying 50 people who are unem-Mr Walsh) for reciting a poem on

Rather than enriching a newspaper magnate through a couple of column inches of paid advertisement, this money will be going to those who are outside the arts establishment. To one as fanatical about poetry as I am, this scheme, ployed £10 (not £50, as stated by for which I accept responsibility, seems to me to be radical, subversive and to be welcomed.

poem learnt by heart.

NICHOLAS ALBERY London Poetry Marathon London, NW2

Mr Walsh also failed to mention that the main aim of the event is to allow people to raise money for the charity of their choice by getting sponsored by friends and relatives to recite a With best wishes.

waging for realistic compensation. Yours faithfully, CHRISTOPHER LINGARD Legal Adviser Thalidomide Action Group Truro

PHOTO SHOOT: BRIGHTON - LETTERS TO THE EDITOR -**EU's future:** Labour's view that judges are guided, for the most part, by the law. Their con-Howard and Heseltine who go beyond the limits of their powers. Yours sincerely, the unlawful actions of the Home stitutional function is to protect Secretary is overshadowed by the against politically motivated deciserious abuses of basic rights Women's Peace Camp

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Parliament. Its positive tone is in marked contrast to the disappointing Chatham House speech of the

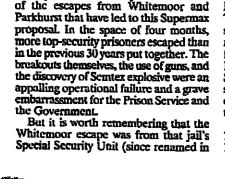
isolation - a state which would be very much against our interests. Economic and monetary union and a single European currency raise the issue of British interests in a highly controversial and farreaching way, so much so that, as your leading article today points out ("Valencia's message to Brighton"), many people wish they would simply go away. It is, of course, quite possible that the project may not get off the ground. But the successful meeting of European finance ministers in Valencia is an indication that British politicians would be unwise to bank on it. It is still quite conceivable that, if not by

single currency. The Chancellor, Kenneth ahead, this country would almost

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unreasonable to expect them to have discovered that fact. To suggest, as Mr Jones does, that the rents only settled because they The thalidomide parents were a disparate group who faced a multi-million-pound company with virtually unlimited resources

ties, the level of the settlement has proved inadequate. Perhaps as Mr Jones and the other pharmaceutical companies rake in their profits, they will reflect on the fight that the British victims are still we are unable to acknowledge unpublished letters.



as the High Security Unit - presumably on the grounds that it was not specially secure). It seems one reason for the complacency among Whitemoor staff and Prison Service officials was the belief that the unit was escape-proof. Throughout history, prisoners have tried to escape from captivity. It is a nat-

ural human reaction to confinement. Similarly, in prisons down the ages, it has been the duty of prison administrators to make escape as difficult as possible. But since the Whitemoor and Parkhurst escapes, the Prison Service has

been engaged in security overkill. It has lost sight of that balance between the needs of security, control and justice which, in his report following the Strangeways prison riot, Lord Woolf said was critical to effective prison management. When it is published in a couple of

weeks' time, the Learmont report is likely to contain little of comfort for either the Home Secretary or Prison Service HQ. There is a danger, therefore, that they will seize on his recommendation for a Supermax as a way of deflecting attention from his other criticisms and proposals. Indeed, it is ironic that the idea of a Supermax is being floated at a time when some of the prime candidates - members of the IRA - are busy being transferred to prisons across the Irish Sea.

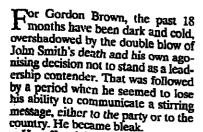
The writer is director of the Prison Reform

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A clear song from the shadow chancellor

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Gordon Brown's speech yesterday did much for Labour's economic credibility. Ken Clarke is doing the rest



He suffered the indignity of national lampoon after using the phrase endogenous growth theory. The mocking laughter wasn't confined to enemies; in the Labour family, too, he had come to be seen as a frozen politihad come to be seen as a frozen politician, gagged by his own caution. Finally came rumours that he was no longer close to Tony Blair, for whom he had sacrificed so much. As Brown relentlessly hammered out the soundbite attacks on Tory tax rises, it seemed a harsh reward.

This is good material for drama, a story David Hare could use to pack the National Theatre. But there was always a lot more to Brown than tragic self-censorship. He was the man who knew that a single incautious sentence from him could blow apart Labour's hard-won respectability. He had been struggling to think his way through the central economic dilemma of all centre-left parties in our times, which is how to make a difference without frightening off tax-shy voters and the socialist-shy bond

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This is not easy. Plenty of clever people say it can't be done. Brown's first go, emphasising training and investment, and pointing out that if there was less unemployment there

a stuck record. It was true, but it skated over the huge gap of getting from a failing economy to a succeeding one. It seemed to rest on the proposition that, if he won office, he wouldn't be starting from here.

Now the old Gordon Brown is

back. Something good has happened to this bull-like political obsessive. His speech sang. It was funny, sharp and almost completely devoid of waffle.

And it contained at least some

glimpses of light.

His proposed utility windfall tax may be unorthodox and a one-off, but its combination of monopolist losers and unemployed gainers will prove popular and gives Treasury ministers working on their Budget plans a headache. It has been generally hailed in the business world as a bad idea. Well, as bad ideas go, it seems rather

The suggested cut in VAT on fuel is shrewder still. It is politically cute because it gives Labour a credible response to the coming Tory challenge to vote for tax cuts or against them. From now on Brown can contrast unwholesome, divisive, greed-driven Tory tax cuts with virtuous, wholesome, fair-minded Labour ones. The argument between the parties is defily switched from the hard question of being for or against tax cuts to the easier one of who should benefit.

Though the proposal depends upon the Conservatives declaring that there is room for cuts, and is relatively modest, amounting to £480m, it is serious politics because it gives clear evidence of how a future Labour government would approach the issue of would be higher tax revenues, became direct taxes as against consumer taxes.



ANDREW MARR Columnist of the Year

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It reasserts Labour's traditional belief in progressive taxation, without proposing new income-tax rates. There have always been environmental and economic arguments for VAT on fuel, but at least Labour has finally made it clear where it stands. We now know where Labour tax cuts would come, if they came.

Neither the VAT proposal nor the windfall tax, however, are answers to the wider dilemma of taxation and leftish politics with which Brown has n struggling. They are bold cavortings on the edges of the problem. They don't obliterate it.

No, Brown's escape from his years of political bondage are likelier to depend on the British politician who is currently doing more than any other, bar Tony Blair himself, to make the first years of a future Labour administration a resounding success. I refer, of course, to the Member for Rushcliffe, the Chancellor, Kenneth Clarke.

For if Labour wins the next election, it will inherit an economy which is in the short term growing stronger, not weaker. The rundown of industrial stocks, the likely downward pressure on interest rates and the impact on confidence of tax-cutting are among the reasons to look forward to good growth with rising but moderate inflation by 1997.

That would be a rare inheritance for Labour, placing Blair in a different position from his prime ministerial predecessors. The rule is that Labour governments are only allowed to take power when the economy is already in a bad way. It has been the party's his-toric duty to take the blame for previous splurging, while guilty men recu-perate. Saddled with an unpromising situation, Labour has then tended to flounder about, making things worse. Suppose, instead, a Blair govern-

ment was able to enjoy the benefits of the low-inflationary growth which had been created by the Major government? For once, Labour would get the credit for other people's hard work. This would confirm Blair as a lucky politician. And it would make Gordon Brown a Labour chancellor who might be in a position to fulfil some, at least, of the spending commitments his party yearns for. After years as a

talker, he would become a doer. There are many assumptions built into this, the biggest of them being that Honest Ken won't succumb to politi-cal temptation and go for a Maudlingstyle loosening of policy over the next year. To do so would be dangerous. partly because of the damage it would cause to Major's reputation for straight dealing, and because of what

it would do to interest rates. Much more likely are tax cuts. But, as we have seen, Labour might well survive

It is not possible for Brown, or any one else in the Labour leadership, to admit quite what is happening, though senior party people talk about it privately. They can hardly laud a Con-servative chancellor for making things easier for them should they win in the late Nineties - any more than they can admit they agree with him about monetary union and say they admire him for standing up to the Governor of the Bank of England on interest rates. But

And so irony piles on irony. The very same Tory tax rises that Gordon Brown has so savagely attacked are partly responsible for the reconstruc-tion of the public finances which may yet help make his reputation. You have

Even in a globalised economy ruled free trade rules and bond markets, abour chancellors won't behave in just the same way as Tory ones. Yesterday Gordon Brown showed himself different from any Conservative min-ister, in his instincts, his priorities, his

But all are anti-inflationists and all are working under similar constraints. The difference in the behaviour of one chancellor and the next may depend as much on when in the cycle they inherit the job and there-fore how much room they have for manoeuvre, as on the ideology they carry through the Treasury doors. By that test, Gordon Brown's luck is probably turning. It has been a long,

One Germany, no momentum

Five years after unification, inertia is undermining the nation's future, says Thomas Kielinger

ook up that great treasure slowly, is Germany awakening to the dangers inherent in its over the Random House Dictionary of the English Language, second edition of 1987, and what do you find under the entry "Getmany"? "A former country in central Europe ..." Well, those were the days. Germany has since come back with a vengeance, from the sunken Atlantis of Continental Europe to, well, exactly what?

There lies the rub. Five years precisely into its newly acquired unity, Germany seems like a country still unable to define what is happening to it within and without. This is not really astonishing considering the traumatic event in 1989, the fall of the Berlin Wall, with its chaotic consequences.

today, Even citizensappear to be in a daze. They do all the things you would expect a country to do in order to rise to a unique challenge of its history. And yet there is still this air of strangeness permeating Germany's national conduct.

The two Germanies remain wide apart, almost aloof from one another - the legacy of 40 years of division. Which makes it all the more astonishing how stoically the country has accepted the huge burden of capital resources going into reconstructing the devastated eastern part, all of one trillion

German marks to date. Call it resigned churlishness, the gritting of one's teeth in the face of the inevitable; but not much of national enthusiasm is left after the helter-skelter of this century. The joyous excitement of the unity year 1990 was very short-lived indeed. We have arrived, as it were, at the deadpan phase of rebuilding our sense of being, a far cry from the nationalistic frenzy of pre-1945 Germany.

Good riddance, I say. Give me the sullen Germany of today any time, as against some of her of food energy from fat by the | previous emanations. Anyway, year 2005, compared to the 30 for the road ahead one has to per cent called for in the new use different yardsticks. The real question about Germany lies not in her past but in her future. I sense at the heart of contemporary Germany a striking aversion to change, which has its roots perhaps in the very turbulence so characteristic of the 20th century and Germany's role in it. The tremendous effort made to rebuild the divided nation belies a deeply

embedded historical fatigue. It would be ideal if the spirit of sacrifice so evident in the siness of reconstruction now carried over into a general sense of anticipation about the future. But that is not so. Slowly, ever so

regulated and inflexible structures. It is a pity 1989/90 was noused more resolutely as a golder opportunity to try out new way. to turn the Germans' singula aptitude for meticulousness into a more imaginative and novel

Instead, the entire west German system of saturation-leve! state entitlements, and its builtin abhorrence towards doing anything differently, wa-implanted in the east, lock stock and barrel. I cannot bear to think of the colossal input o capital resources going into reconstruction and then compare this amount with the rea return in terms of innovation. and competitiveness.

What a historical momen missed! Yes, we are rebuildin: the infrastructure, we are making people's pensions safe (or trying to), we are cushioning the effects of huge unemploy ment by supporting generously those out of work (withou finding new jobs for them. though), we are fast equalisin; wages (irrespective of produc tivity levels).

But all the king's capital and all the king's men cannot make Germany competitive again. At least not as long as some o. the key players, such as the unions or the state benefit lobby, refuse to yield even a millimetre of their established bridgeheads. This, after all, is the country that cannot ever get itself to liberate commerca from the regime of stifling

shop-opening hours. To be sure, on the surface this still-prosperous society would hardly bear out so much scepticism. But too many German businesses are winding down parts of their operations shutting plants only to relocate them in more affordable markets and countries. A lot o research and development ir genetics, for example, beleaguered by an over-moralising. over-weaning legislature, is seeking a more compatible environment in which to work.

away from Germany. Unifying the country in minc and spirit will take a whole generation. But that is not our main problem now. Instead Germany must make sure the cartel of inertia and aversion to change does not become the hallmark of "Germany United" In that case, the country migh still be playing in the big league but with diminishing chances o ending among the top teams.

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Are we sitting too comfortably?

A couch-potato lifestyle is breeding an obese nation. Drastic changes are needed, says Liz Hunt

It is unfortunate, but true: we But ministers rarely suffer demned to a bleak future of indolence and ever-worsening

A government report leaked to journalists over the weekend spells it out: the percentage of obese people in Britain has doubled since 1980, and is predicted to increase by another 50 per cent within a decade. By 2005, it says, a quarter of all British women and nearly a fifth of men will meet the clinical definition of obese. With this increase in the national girth comes the unwelcome consequences of a high-fat diet and minimal activity: even more heart disease, strokes, diahetes, cancer, and arthritis.

It is the most comprehensive analysis yet of the car-dependent, junk-food West

Health ministers, it seems, tried to protect us from the awful truth, withholding the report completed a year ago by the Nutrition and Physical Activity Task Force. Perhaps the apparent failure of their health policy so far was behind their reluctance to publish. The report says that government targets identified in its Health of the Nation White Paper -only 6 per cent of men and 8 per cent of women designated obese by 2005 - cannot possi-

bly be met. Other critics have suggested that ministers are running scared of issuing prescriptive advice, of telling us what to eat and what to do for our own good. Guidelines issued last year dictating how many potatoes, slices of bread, and hars of chocolate we should eat each week, met with widespread ridicule.

re a nation of fatties, con- from such sensitivity to the electorate's perceptions of their pronouncements. We have heard dire warnings about the state of the nation's health before, and if nothing else they are guaranteed to generate acres of newsprint and publicity for the politician bearing the bad news. And as for prescriptive advice, well this government is big on disease prevention, and how else can that be achieved except through a list

of do's and don'ts? The most likely reason behind the suppression of this report is that it would expose the Government's failure to take on the vested interests which have a direct impact on the nation's health: the tobacco industry, the food and drinks sector, car manufacturers and the construction lobby.

Because, aside from providing the facts and figures on the British obesity epidemic, Pro-fessor Philip James, the report's principal author, and his colleagues are calling for a radical overhaul of every aspect of daily life to encourage health-ier habits. This, they argue, is the only way to reverse the epidemic of obesity and reduce its toil on health. They have issued a direct challenge both to ministers and the lobby groups, demanding that if they really care about people's health, they

should put up or shut up.
The task force looked at schools, the workplace, home life, town planning, and the role of the health service, and have compiled what is probably the most comprehensive analysis to date of the health problems arising from the "junk-food, couch-potato, car-dependent" existence of much of the West-

em world. That this has been recognised by the World Health Organisation emphasises its significance. Alarmed by the UK findings, the WHO is now funding an international task force headed by Professor James, who is



director of the renowned Rowett Research Institute in Aberdeen, to complete a similar study on their behalf.

Professor James has declined to comment on the Government's reaction - or lack of it to the findings and recommendations of the task force, but admits that it is "a novel report in showing that we have taken an inappropriate approach to policy in the past. In practice, we are talking about changes in

the whole of society. The report says that schools must become centres of physical activity for the community, and there should be a shift of emphasis away from competitive and team sports which focus on the élite school athletes, to encouraging every pupil in some form of activity. Doctors should be able to

refer patients to a health club or gym if they feel this would be beneficial, so that exercise becomes a prescribable therapy and is recognised as a treatment for some health problems. Employers should provide changing facilities and showers for their workforce who want to walk or cycle to

work, or exercise at lunch More controversially, the

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task force recommends the end of car-oriented planning, which has lead to the growth of large areas of towns and cities that are inaccessible by foot. "We are becoming one big parking lot like Los Angeles, where people walk from their homes to their cars to the shopping mall, and that is the sum total of their activity," said one source involved in writing the

Professor James and his team are also calling for far tougher reductions in the proportion of energy that comes from fatty foods. The Health of the Nation target is 35 per cent report, a figure which is backed by the WHO. Professor James proposes a "fat audit" by the food industry, and argues that its preoccupation with innovation and technology should make it easy to comply with more restrictive fat contents of foodstuffs. That such changes can be achieved - and would be ben-

Fat of the land: critics have suggested that ministers

issuing prescriptive advice about what we should eat

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eficial to the population – is not in doubt, according to Professor James. He cites the experience of Scandinavian countries, which have out the health of the nation first over vested interests and have had a major impact on public health. În Norway, farmers are paid

to produce leaner meat, and they are no longer paid by the fat of their livestock. The Norwegian government has invested in sporting facilities and cycle-ways and there are financial incentives to employers to provide showers and changing facilities in the workplace. Strict guidelines regulate public catering, and free vegetables and salad are included in every restaurant meal. Over 15 years, Norway and Finland have reduced the proportion of food energy from fat from 42 per cent to 34 per cent. In Finland, vegetable intake has been trebled. Blood dropped markedly in a large percentage of the population; blood pressure has been dramatically reduced, and the stroke rate has dropped.

The health of these countries has been transformed, Professor James says, "This has been achieved by a coherent health strategy that has permeated every aspect of everyday life." To Stephen Dorrell, the new Secretary of State for Health, the message is clear: the patient is in a terminal condition, and only

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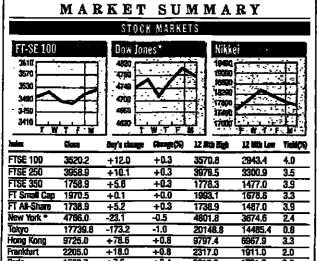


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IN BRIEF

Imro fines member £5.000

The investment managers' watchdog, Imro, has fined one of its member firms, Guildhall Investment Management, £5,000 and ordered it to pay £12,000 costs for failing to keep proper records of client information and the intended allocation of investments between customers. The offences took place between September 1993 and May last year.

Alliance & Leicester snub for Amicable

Alliance & Leicester Building Society has chosen Mariborough Stirling, a specialist business systems provider, to provide backoffice administration for its own life company, to be launched next year. In so doing, the society has snubbed Scottish Amicable, the Glasgow-based insurer it was formerly tied to, which was hoping to pick up the contract.

Mobile demand strong, says Vodafone

Vodafone said connection figures for the third quarter showed continued strong growth in the demand for mobile phones. Gross connections for July, August and September were over 279,000, which resulted in net connections of more than 148,000. The level of "network churn" continued to improve, down from 28.5 to 25 per cent. "This result for the traditionally slower summer quarter was significantly ahead of last year's record equivalent period and well up to our expectations," Sir Gerald Whent, chief

Lord Young answers critics

The Cable & Wireless chairman, Lord Young, said the company had "no plans to demerge anything". He added: "I see value coming through [for shareholders] in a steady increase in earnings." His comments followed recent criticism from analysts that the company is failing to provide shareholder value and should be broken up or demerged. Lord Young also said the company was looking to build on its US interests but declined to give details.

London Clubs buys casino for £16m

London Clubs International (LCI) acquired the two companies that together own the lease and business of the London Park Tower Casino. The acquisition will be for a cash consideration of £16m, subject to certain adjustments, with a further deferred payment of up to £6m depending on profits over the next three years.

TT in £16.8m acquisition

TT Group has acquired Linton & Hirst Group from Schroder Ventures, North of England Ventures and the management, for £16.8m. Linton & Hirst, a laminations manufacturer, supplies the electronics industry worldwide and was the subject of a management buy-in in 1992. The company said £15.1m was paid in cash on completion. Deferred consideration of £1.7m is also payable in cash, conditional on Linton & Hirst's pre-tax profits for the year to December being not less than £2.5m.

ShareLink offers placing service

ShareLink launched its new issues placing service, aimed at making it easier for private investors to participate in new issues coming to the market through a placing. From next year the Stock Exchange initial public offering rules will be changed so that companies will no longer have to reserve a proportion of big offers for the small investor.

Labour says it will refer bids for utilities to MMC

Industrial Correspondent

Takeover bids among electricity and water companies will be retrospectively referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission to protect consumers, the Labour Party said. The warning came as National Power, the nation's largest generator, announced an agreed. £2.8bn merger with Southern Electric and speculation mounted London Electricity would be

Jack Cunningham, shadow trade and industry secretary, said: "We reject the growing accumulation of unaccountable private monopoly power. The Monopolies and Mergers Commission must be used to safeguard the national and consumer interest. If not, a Labour Government will make a retrospective reference."

next to fall.

Pressure for an MMC reference further intensified with renewed calls for an investigation from the National Consumer Council, A spokeswoman for the MCC said: "The case for each electricity bid to be referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission becomes ever more pressing as takeover frenzy gathers momentum." She added: "If this takeover goes ahead it will be a form of vertical integration in the industry and consumers will want to know how it will affect them."

The bid for Southern, one of the two largest regional supply and distribution companies, is the seventh in the industry so far. It comes two days before Offer, the industry regulator, is due to submit to the Office of Fair Trading its report on the proposed takeover of Midlands Electricity by PowerGen.

City analysts said National Power's move would increase the likelihood of an MMC reference. But there is also a view that Ian Lang, president of the Board of Trade, would prefer to clear all attempts to acquire regional electricity firms. Shares in Southern Electric surged by 69p to 966p while National Power fell by 12.5p to 503.5p. John Baker, chairman of Na-

tional Power, said the merger is "wholly logical" in the light of developments in the sector. He defended previous statements that National Power was not seeking to buy a regional comhad changed the situation by clearing a hostile takeover bid web. Mr Baker said: "What has changed in not our view but the

way in which the market is evolving and the fact that the Department of Trade and Industry appear to be saying they do not rule out vertical integration in the industry."

He added: "We simply have to join in the process of ratio-nalisation in the industry rather than stand on the sidelines." Mr Baker said the merger would transform National Power into a broadly based energy company able to compete more ef-fectively in the national electricity supply market when it is opened up fully in 1998.

Unions warned that there could be further job cuts. Mick Brade, southern region representative for Unison, said: "We would give it two cheers out of three. Three cheers would have been Southern Electric remaining independent or taking over somebody else."

National Power refused to be drawn on possible redundancies or on whether Southern's headquarters in Maidenhead would remain intact. The generator has 5,000 employees and expects to cut 500 jobs over the next year or two.

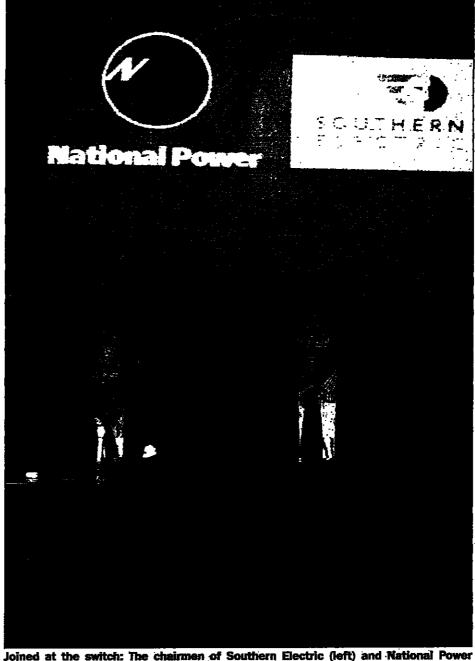
Southern's core workforce of 3,650 is already projected to fall to about 3,000 by the end of the decade.

The £2.8bn offer represents £10.10 per share, split between £8.25 in cash and a special dividend of £1.85. The dividend will carry a tax credit for some shareholders, taking the value of the offer to £10.56.

National Power said that in the event of the sale of the National Grid Company before the completion of the merger, up to £1.75 of the special dividend would be clawed back and Southern's shareholders would receive grid shares. If the NGC sale is after the merger, National Power would sell any grid shares inherited through the takeover.

The takeover is expected to take National Power's gearing to more than 100 per cent initially, falling back after the NGC sale and the planned disposal of three power plants. It is expected to significantly enhance National Power's earnings but, combined with the plant sales, the effect on earnings will be neutral.

Separately, Norweb said it fer from North West Water unless a rival US bidder. Texas pany, saying the Government Energy, increases its terms. Texas is expected to raise its offer but there was also speculaby Scottish Power for Man- tion it could switch its attentions to London Electricity.



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Hanson making power

of the United Kingdom's largest electricity generators if it succeeds in its bid to buy three power plants from National Power, writes Mary Fagan.

The group, which is entering the electricity supply and dis-tribution market through the acquisition of Eastern Electricity. has already agreed to pay £400m to lease two generating stations from PowerGen.

Industry analysts estimate that Hanson could have 12 per cent of the market in England and Wales within a few years, compared with a projected 16 per cent or 17 per cent for Pow-

National Power's share is expected to drop to about 23 per cent or less, from 34 per cent last

The nuclear power industry, part of which is soon to be privatised as British Energy, could take the lead with about 25 per

National Power said vesterday that Eastern, along with Enron and Applied Energy Services of the United States, are being invited to submit final bids for the £1bn sale of the plants at West Burton in Nottinghamshire, Ironbridge in Shropshire and Rugeley in Staffordshire.

The company said that it is willing to sell these plants singly, but that all the contenders have shown interest in acquiring all

The power stations have a combined capacity of 4,000 megawatts - about 20 per cent of National Power's total capacity. But they make up more than one-quarter of the com-pany's output as they run for 60 per cent to 70 per cent of the time, while some power stations run only when needed to meet peak demand.

Both National Power and PowerGen have been under pressure from the electricity industry's regulator, Professor Stephen Littlechild, to dispose of plant in order to increase competition in the generating market.

Professor Littlechild had given both companies until the end of this year to help them to meet his concerns, or risk being referred to the Monopolies and

National Power said that most of the payment of £1bn or more would be split between a large initial consideration with more later related to sales of electricity from the plants. The disposal is expected to be agreed by the end of December.

Societies cast gloom on prices

Britain's top two building societies, Halifax and Nationwide, warned yesterday against hopes of a rapid recovery in the housing market, despite recording the largest house price rise in more than six months.

Both societies said prices were still lower than a year ago, while sales were still at a low ebb. Their figures came on the first day of new government restrictions on state benefits for homeowners who lose their

Halifax said house prices rose by 0.3 per cent in September, but are down 2 per cent on a year ago. Nationwide's index showed a 0.6 per cent monthly rise but a 1.3 per cent

The only time Nationwide has recorded an increase greater than last month was in March, when its figures showed a oneoff 1.2 per cent rise. In Halifax's case, its Sep-

RUSSELL HOTTEN

Lucas Industries has agreed to pay another \$88m (£58m) to set-

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last year. Philip Williamson, onal director at Nationwide, pointed out that recent figures from the Inland Revenue showed that transactions were at their lowest level since early 1993.
"Confidence remains poor af-

ter the experience of recent years and this could continue to be a potential restraint on [any] recovery," he said. His views were backed by the

Council of Mortgage Lenders, the industry's trade body. "It is too early to say whether this is the first sign of a revival. One would have to look at many more months' house prices before making a firm judgement," the council said.

"Higher transactions would be a sign of greater confidence by homeowners and new bor-rowers. That is dependent on what initiatives are taken by the

Despite his caution, Mr Williamson said he was still

bles was "out of all proportion to the issues involved, but we be-

lieve this was the best settlement

The settlement avoids years

of costly and complex litigation

and the possibility that Lucas

would struggle to win new US

defence contracts until the

The \$88m agreement is be-

lieved to be the largest ever paid

by a company facing such

charges from the US military,

which is cracking down on

breaches of its quality control

The US authorities filed a civ-

regulations.

problems had been settled.

Aerospace: Final settlement ends two-year Pentagon investigation

Lucas pays \$88m to end claims

Lucas chief executive, said the il suit accusing a group sub-financial impact of the US trou-sidiary, Lucas Western, of hav-

price rise next year. "There are grounds for believing the market will show some improvement," he said. Weak growth in personal in-

comes, a significant drag on the market in 1995, could be alleviated by tax cuts in November's Budget. The recent improvement in the outlook for interest rates is also an important positive factor."

Mr Williamson also argued that a turnaround in house prices would depend on government measures to stimulate activity.

"Next month's Budget offers an opportunity [for it] to pro-vide specific help for the homebuyer, thus reaffirming its support for owner-occupation,"

Over the past six months, lenders have waged a bitter campaign against government cuts to mortgage interest payments made when many borrowers become unemployed.

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documents relating to the gear-

boxes for F/A-18 fighter planes.

products were delivered, they

more than met the perfor-

mance criteria laid down in

the contracts, and that the prob-

lem related only to irregulari-

ties in testing and procedures.

On Monday the company

will set aside additional provi-

sions of £55m for the year to last

July, which will also cover costs

of settling a conflict between the

US Government and another

subsidiary, Lucas Aul, which was

sold earlier this year. Lucas said

Lucas said that when the

The changes, which take place today, mean that new borrowers will not have the interest paid on their mortgages for the first six months. Existing borrowers will be denied payments for two months, switching to half the interest for

another four months. Some lenders argued the cuts would depress house prices further and push up repossession



further provisions of £40m will be made to cover the costs of

restructuring its Lucas Western.

which will be sold. Mr Simpson

said: "Lucas will be seeking a

strong joint venture partner to

whom the business could even-

mally be sold." He said the

£40m provisions "will cap the

group's future financial expo-

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from the provisions, Monday's

results would be in line with

market forecasts. Analysts are

expecting profits of around

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Clampdown on Daiwa reflects anger in US

Financial Editor

The US authorities yesterday ordered the Daiwa Bank of Japan to reduce to a minimum its New York branch activities, following alleged violation of banking regulations.

The enforcement order issued by the Federal Reserve Board of Governors and the New York State Banking Department reflected anger that Japan's 10th biggest bank had deliberately ignored US regu-lations by delaying reporting the circumstances surrounding the \$1.1bn losses run up by Toshi-hide Iguchi in unauthorised bond trading.

Daiwa headquarters in Osaka were alerted in July by Mr Iguchi in a confession about the massive unauthorised trading, apparently conducted over an 11-year period. The bank then moved discreetly to conduct its own internal investigation and apparently sell off assets to cover the loss. The regulatory authorities in New York were only informed in mid-September of what, if proven, will amount to the biggest financial scandal on American soil.

In addition to the failure to inform the authorities of a severe breakdown in controls and supervision, Daiwa Bank "may have knowingly submitted a misleading and incorrect report of the branch's condition" as of 30 June, the New York authorities declared. Daiwa Bank was ordered to conduct a "detailed, foreusic review" of the transactions that led to the \$1.1bn of bond trading losses, and to provide an in-depth internal review of its actions from the time til it notified the banking authorities last month.

Daiwa must also submit. within five days, an acceptable written plan to reduce all of its New York trading activities to the minimum levels necessary to service customers, conduct asset-liability management and manage the risk in the existing trading position of the New York branch", the regulators announced yesterday.
The US authorities were

scathing about the unsound practices that allowed Mr Iguchi to deceive his superiors for such a long time in trading very ordinary financial instruments. The regulators said "prompt interim action" was needed to control Daiwa's local activities, and permanent enforcement action may be necessary. This will be decided at a hearing on

The Fed said that in November 1992 and November 1993 regulators criticized controls at the New York branch. Regulators said they were led to believe by Daiwa officials that lines of authority were changed in November 1993 so that Mr Iguchi was no longer responsible for the branch's trading and custodial operations. The Fed now believes reporting lines were not changed. In his written confession to

Daiwa Mr Iguchi said that bacause he was responsible for the branch's custodial department, he was able to sell securities from Daiwa's own accounts, as well as securities of customers to cover his trading losses. He was also in a position to falsify accounting and other branch recordsto hide the losses

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generating capacity than presently envisaged"

National Power may have opened Pandora's box

Having effectively ruled himself out of the great regional electricity company paper chase a couple of months back, John Baker, chief executive of National Power, had quite a somersault to perform yesterday as he unveiled details of a £2.80n takeover bid for Southern Electric. His explanation for the apparent change of heart was that National Power was merely "adjusting to changed

circumstances". By this he meant that the regulatory environment has changed. Something he thought would certainly not be allowed a couple of months back now seems to be perfectly OK as far as ministers, the Office of Fair Trading and the electricity regulator are con-cerned - the vertical integration of companies in electricity generation, distribution and supply. There seems to be no answer, other than the obvious, as to why National Power, the largest in the industry, left it to Scottish Power and PowerGen to blaze the

trail of vertical integration. Certainly there is a "Johnnie come lately" feel about this bid. However, National Power's slowness off the mark is perhaps an irrelevance set against the main issue of whether it is right to allow the market to continue reshaping Britain's electricity industry in any way it pleases. Clearly the National Power bid marks, if not a turning point in the game, at least a substantial acceleration of the action.

Even after selling off a fifth of its generating capacity, National Power will remain, with 23 per cent of the market, the dominant producer. Combine that with the acquisition of one of the two largest regional electricity companies, and it becomes overnight far and away the most powerful player in the reshaped electricity industry. Should this be allowed? The case in favour goes along these

Consolidation of the industry is both an mevitable and a beneficial thing. Electricity "disaggregation", to use Mr Baker's word, ahead of privatisation, may have suited the Government's purpose at the time but things move on and an industry divided into 18 moving parts is plainly not the optimum in terms of efficiency. Nor is it necessarily a structure most capable of delivering to the consumer the benefits of free competition in supply, set to begin post 1998. To enter this market properly, the generators need the infrastructure investment in billing systems already made by the regional electricity companies. For a generator to invest on that scale without an existing customer base would not make any kind of commercial

Furthermore, the argument goes, if National Power and PowerGen are referred to the Monopolies and Mergers Commission there is a strong possibility that the Americans will nip in and steal the bid prizes.

When PowerGen put these arguments to ministers it got a sympathetic hearing. Nothing, however, is ever as simple as presented. While it is true that vertical integration works perfectly well in many

nant producer links with a monopoly supplier, the effect is nearly always harmful regardless of regulatory safeguards. The "pool" provides no kind of protection. Nor, as we already know, does Professor Stephen Littlechild. Competition might eventually, but it will take time.

There is, however, an opportunity for ministers in the generating bids. If it makes sense for generators to merge with distributors and suppliers, the bids can be used as a way of forcing a much more radical break-up of generating capacity than presently envis-aged. As a condition of the bid, for instance, National Power could be made to divest not just a fifth of capacity, but two fifths, or even three. If other RECs were given a fighting chance in generation, then the fully competitive market that ministers dream of becomes a real possibility. In bidding for Southern, National Power might have opened a Pandora's box.

GEC heavy weight should make way for flyweight

ike heavyweight boxers, corporate pugilists rarely know when to quit. Lord Weinstock should have retired long ago but seems intent on hanging on to the bitter end. Yet, the call for change grows. At least one senior GEC executive has been whispering

industries without damage to competition, it is probably fair to say that when a dominanagement blood. A poll of GEC's key investors reveals an overwhelming call for Lord Weinstock's retirement. If that was not enough, look at the financial figures. GEC's plodding performance has disappointed the market for years.

Through it all, Lord Weinstock has maintained a lofty silence. The issue of the sucession has now gained some urgency.Lord Weinstock himself imposed a deadline of next summer to resolve the matter. Last year he extended his contract until 1996, when he will be 72. The institutions did not particularly like it but voted it through on the understanding that the GEC nominations committee would arrange a smooth transition. But so far, nothing. If the strategy is simply to hold on long enough to ensure that his son Simon gets the job, then it is doomed to failure. The institutions will have none of

Lord Weinstock's brilliance as a manager and one time visionary is undeniable, but the company today seems structurally incapable of achieving rapid growth. His "scientific" management, rigid cost control, and evolutionary rather than revolutionary change has given GEC a tendency towards inertia. GEC urgently needs new blood. It has able insiders, like Peter Gershon at Marconi, or finance director David Newlands. But what is needed ideally is an outsider, someone capable of riding rough shod over the old guard. GEC has a strong order book,

but lacks the commensurate earnings growth. To achieve the later, a fundamental shake-up at the divisional level is perhans required. Do not count on this happening. however. GEC is far from the parlous financial condition that allows institutions to insist on a new broom. But would it not be something if Lord Weinstock displayed some of his old visionary flair by ensuring that a very different kind of man succeeds him.

Open secrets behind closed doors

The accountancy firm KPMG today finds itself in the unaccustomed position of hogging the limelight normally reserved for its clients. Such is the interest that has been generated by its plan to incorporate its audit arm that Britain's second biggest accountancy firm has taken over part of London's Savoy Hotel to announce the outome of the vote.

One way in which the change is being sold to clients is that it will result in greater financial disclosure, enabling them to obtain the same sort of information about the financial health of their auditors as they can about most of their other suppliers and customers. Unfortunately for the clients, they will only learn details of the new incorporated structure after it has become a fait accompli. Let's hope the information is

Barings bondholders target SFO

DAVID HELLIER

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The action group trying to bring a private prosecution against Nick Leeson, the former Barings futures trader, said last night it would fight the Serious Fraud Office "all the way" if it tried to shut the case down.

Yesterday, Michael Hill QC. acting for the Barings bondholders, met George Staple, the SFO director, after the SFO case controller, James Kellock, surprised bondholders on Friday by asking them to send the SFO their papers. His first letter was followed by a second demand within 30 minutes. By vesterday the papers had been

handed over to the SFO. Although the bondholders are taking a private prosecution against Mr Leeson, the SFO is arguing that it has powers under the 1987 Criminal Justice Act to take over such a prosecution if it falls within the remit of serious commercial fraud.

ing the bondholders' action group, said vesterday "the SFO Mr Stone laid eight summonses against Mr Leeson last week in the City of London magistrates' court. He said the court was "absolutely clear that we had jurisdiction over these offences. The court had no cause for concern. It is absolutely inappropriate for the SFO to

step in now". Mr Stone added: 'We will fight them all the way. . The SFO has quite a repu-

The SFO said Mr Kellock had asked the bondholders' solicitor on Friday for their papers on the case and had now received them. "The director has the power to take over a private prosecution in certain cases and he is now considering whether he can do it on this particular occasion," a spokeswoman said.

Sources at the SFO said the office believed the most appropriate place for a trial on the Barings affair was Singapore. The office had to show it was prepared to work closely with other prosecuting authorities in tackling overseas fraud. "If we want better co-operation in the future we have to show that we are prepared to do the same ourselves. And we feel that all the witnesses are in Singapore and the evidence and we do not wish to be shy in saying that."

The SFO view contrasts strongly with that of the UK bondholders and of Mr Leethere is sufficient evidence for a trial to be played out in the does not have a leg to stand on". UK. They have argued that the people who lost out from the collapse of Barings are predominantly based in the UK and that more of the background to the case will emerge if the trial takes place here.

The German authorities expect to make a decision on whether to accept the Singaporean extradition application later this week. If they accept the request, Mr Leeson's lawyer has said it will be resisted.



Bondholders want to derail SFO chief George Staple

Photograph: Edward Webb | acquisition of a car parts oper- aging for food service, super-

Ailing First Choice gives profits warning

Francis Baron, the chief executive brought into the ailing tour operator First Choice, then called Owners Abroad, two years ago, admits he does not expect much of a bonus for the year that ends this month, after warning that profits will drop back from £16m to a bare £1m.

Rival operators Airtours and Thomson Holidays revealed six weeks ago just how badly a year that began with such high hopes has ended.

First Choice had to contend with extra costs of restructuring, rebranding and remarketing its tours as well as the decline in consumer confidence and the impact of a hot summer at home.

But analysts who talked then to First Choice still had forecasts of £17m-20m on their books yesterday morning.

The warning sent shock waves through the market, coupled as it was with a deeply discounted rights issue of two new shares for every five at 60p, raising £44.1m net to fund three acquisitions and ensure the group could meet the operating margins needed to maintain market share in 1996-97.

The final dividend of 2.45p is maintained on new and existing shares, but the shares fell a further 18p to 70p.

Thomas Cook, which took a 21 per cent stake to help fight off a bid from Airtours in early 1993, will not take up its rights, which suggests an early parting of the ways. But it will not sell its shares in the market for at least six months.

placed in the market and the balance of the rights issue is fully underwritten. The issue will finance the ac-

Its entitlement has been

based Fiesta West for an estimated £8.7m. But the future depends heav-

quisition of Skibound, the lead-

ing operator in the UK schools

and group skiing market, for an

estimated £23m in cash, of

which £9.2m is payable on com-pletion, the balance in 1996.

tax on a turnover of under

£40m in the year to 30 April.

duce reliance on summer prof-

its and make better use of

First Choice is also buying

JWT, the third largest tour op-

erator in Ireland, for £5.4m, and

the balance of the Vancouver-

aircraft capacity

Skibound made £4m before

The acquisition will help re-

ily on the 1996 summer season. which yet again has started well. Baron expects the market to be static but relies on industry-wide capacity cuts of 8-10 per cent to reduce discounting and restore margins.

Tenneco pays £850m for Mobil arm

Tenneco surprised the markets yesterday with a \$1.25bn (£850m) purchase of Mobil's plastics division, one of the largest makers of packaging and consumer products in North America.

The giant industrial group also said it was working on a big

ation, and hoped to announce market and industrial applica-a deal by the end of the year. market and industrial applica-tions. The company, in New "Tenneco is still a company in transition," Dana Mead, chief executive, said, "Tenneco remains a work in progress stay tuned."

Mobil plastics' products include Hefty brand waste bags, tableware and food storage bags as well as speciality pack-

tions. The company, in New York state, has about 4,100 employees and had revenues of more than \$1bn in 1994.

Mobil said the sale was part of its strategy to focus on core businesses of oil, gas and petrochemicals. The cash would be used to fund growth in these areas, including potential acqui-

Franco-German telecom venture expects approval

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France Telecom and Deutsche Telekom were last night confident their controversial joint venture would win European Commission approval and vowed to meet competitors head on in the European tele-

as many weeks, Michel Bon said the joint venture, dubbed Atlas, "was still under negotiation, but we have every hope of

reaching an agreement". Ron Sommer, the Deutsche Telekom chief executive, earlier said progress was being made in the company's negotiations with Brussels and that he was In his first big press conference since becoming the third would be approved. Their com-

first day of Telecom '95, the telecommunication industry's four-yearly extravaganza in

The two men, along with senior government officials from France and Germany, met Commission officials late last week in an effort to forge a breakthrough. A second meeting is set for mid-October. The Commission has held up

president of France Telecom in ments came at the end of the approval of Atlas in order to essure the two companies and their respective governments into liberalising their telecoms markets in advance of a 1 January 1998 deadline.

Specifically, Brussels wants assurances that competitors will be able to offer services to businesses, and that the two Telecom companies will not use their dominant positions to

France has already agreed to licence competitors such as utilities and the national railroad company, SNCF, which have alternative cable networks along established rights of way.

Germany, however, has been slower to move, as the government fears any threats to Deutsche Telekom could torpedo its plans for a multi-stage privatisation to be launched

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Growth in manufacturing output slows but sterling clocks up gains Rates pressure fuelled Dollar bounces back by industry slowdown

there will be a lot of pressure

DIANE COYLE Economics Correspondent

Industry is expanding at the slowest rate for three years and rises in the price of materials are the lowest since April 1994, according to the latest purchasing managers' survey.

The slowdown in manufacturing will add to the calls for a fall in base rates, especially if official output figures for August, published on Friday, confirm the weaker survey results.

raised by separate Bank of England figures showing growth of the narrow money supply measure, M0, slowed last month. However, it remained well above the 0-4 per cent monitoring range. In the latest monetary minutes, Kenneth Clarke, Chancellor of the Exchequer, and Eddie George, Governor of the Bank of England, drew at-Mulion to the dangers of a rapid increase in money supply.

City economists said a reduction in base rates was un-

Budget is likely to be even

more important." If there is no

tax give-away in the Budget

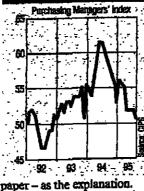
for interest-rate cuts," said Simon Briscoe, UK economist at Nikko Securities. The purchasing managers' index dipped to 50.5 last month, from 52.1 in August, indicating

barely any expansion in manufacturing. Peter Thomson, director-general of the Chartered Institute of Purchasing and Supply (CIPS), said: "This is clear evidence that manufacturing activity continues to slow." The main reason for the Base rate hopes were also fall was a drop in new orders, due partly to weak home demand and lower export orders

than earlier in the year. The output index, a separate component of the overall purchasing managers' index, rose slightly. Stocks of finished goods fell. The CIPS said many companies were meeting demand by running down stocks rather than increasing production.

The prices firms paid for materials rose last month, but the increase was the smallest for 18 months. The prices index fell from 62.9 to 57.6. likely while monetary growth stayed uncomfortably high. The

Purchasing managers cited sterling's recent stability and the easing of shortages of some materials - especially plastics and



State of manufacturing

M0 rose 0.5 per cent last month, taking its year-on-year rate of growth down from 6.1 to 5.4 per cent. Growth in cash in circulation, the biggest component of MO, slowed to 5.7 per

On the other hand, the annual growth rate in M0 during the past three months, taken as the best indicator of short-term trends, has accelerated to 7.5 per cent. "The authorities are unlikely to cut interest rates against a monetary background that suggests the economy is bubbling under, said Kevin Darlington, UK economist at the broker Hoare Govett.

through 100 yen level

Bolstered by the prospect of the G7 meeting of finance ministers in Washington this weekend, the dollar broke back through the 100 yen threshold to close in London at 100.60. The pound also had a good day, ending 0.5 up on its trade-weighted index at 85.2, clocking up gains of a pfennig against the mark and almost a cent against the dollar, compared with Friday's London close. Morning gains by the dol-lar were helped by a report in the Japanese Mainichi newspaper that finance ministers would agree to let the US dollar rise to 110 yen.

Early dollar firmness against the mark petered out as the market absorbed the outcome of the Valencia summit and the reported remarks of Helmut Kohl about a possible delay to monetary union.

was made in a speech by Otmar Issing, the Bundesbank's chief economist, in which he called for a new treaty to enforce sanctions against fiscal delinquency on the part of participating nations after a monetary

as "anything but compulsory", Mr Issing said what was at stake was "nothing less than the future stability of the common

"Sterling has perversely been deriving some benefit from the EMU problems," said Neil MacKinnon, currency strategist at Citibank, referring to the market's perception that sterling will not participate in a first step to monetary union. Lee Ferridge of NatWest Markets thought that sterling's strength against the dollar would be The perception that the US

National Association of Purchasing Managers' index was weaker than expected had little effect on the foreign ex-changes but helped the US bond market, with the 30-year bond rising by over half a point.

The market had been expecting the NAPM index, which gauges the state of US manufacturing, to rebound to above 50 from 46.9 in August. Instead it rose in September to only 48.3, the fourth month running that it has shown softness in manufacturing. The sharpest fall in the components of the in-

short-lived.

A further stiffening in the German conditions for EMU union. Describing the sanctions dex was in inventories.

Capitalism blooms in Russia's chaos

t is deeply unfashionable to be optimistic about Russia. Yet it is a sign of our times that the OECD, the rich countries' "club", should now be producing its first economic survey of the country.

True, Russia is not yet a mem ber of the OECD, and true, it would not qualify for membership. But it is already possible to see a world where Russia has become a "normal" market economy and, for the truly optimistic, a full-status developed one. It is natural that the OECD should seek to chart the progress of what will in time become one of its most important

Because that day is some way in the future, this report has a rather different feel to it from most OECD studies. It has, for a start, rather fewer graphs and statistics than usual. The graphs it does have seem usually to head downwards instead of upwards and the authors acknowledge that the statistics, like the graphs, may well be misleading. There is also a slightly pained tone to the text absent from other reports. It noted, for example, that Russians were suffering from reform fatigue and added "it seems that many ministries and institutions are suffering from 'foreign adviser fatigue'.". This made the gathering of information "significantly more difficult".

The result is a touch-and-feel analysis rather than a numbercrunching one. In a way this is refreshing, because the story has to be told in words rather than in figures. Not only did the figures of the pre-reform Soviet Union grossly inflate the real output of the government-controlled sector; they also excluded the large informal economy, much of which operated outside the law. Since the formal economy was over-stat-ed and between 20 and 35 per cent of the GDP was military spending, the official figures have plunged. But though the old informal, extra-legal economy has seen rapid growth, since some of this remains outside the law, it is hard to estimate how much growth there has really been.

Still a big picture emerges and it runs like this. Take 1991 as a base. Official figures say GDP has halved. Production figures



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of specific items, including consumer goods, would tend to conthis. Thus bread production has fallen by 32 per cent. If, however, you look at

consumption, things are different. Bread consumption, far from going down, has risen by 12 per cent. Practical things that you can measure reasonably accurately, like electricity consumption, are now about 80 per cent of the level at the beginning of 1991. The service sector, hard enough to measure in an economy like ours, let alone in Russia, has undoubtedly grown fast, but almost certainly not fast enough to offset the

decline in industry.

And real living standards?
They have fallen. Even allowing for things that are difficult to measure, like the time once spent queuing, people on average are worse off. But they are perhaps 15 per cent worse off. not 50 per cent worse off. Differentials have widened, but not by as much as the figures sug-gest, for much of the official class's income before 1990 came in perks rather than pay. Finally, though personal incomes cer-tainly fell fast during the early stages of reform, it seems they have stopped falling and may be

Looking ahead, the OECD is tentatively bullish. The economy is growing at the moment. Exports rose 17 per cent in dollar terms in the first five months of this year compared with the same period of 1994. Imports rose by 13 per cent on the same basis. The OECD thinks that with the right policies, growth could speed up to 10 per cent next year. If that were to happen Russia would be the fastest-growing large economy in the world. With the wrong policies, however, the upturn

It needs little imagination to work out what the OECD thinks the right policies are: cut the budget deficit, keep interest rates up, cut back inflation, build business confidence, encourage repatriation of flight capital, crack down on corrup-

tion and crime, and so on. If it does, the future is bright. It is

still all to play for. This is sirrely right. The transformation of what was essentially a war economy onto a peace-time basis was always going to be difficult. The worst fear, that 70 years of a command economy had so eroded the entreprenurial spirit that establishing a market economy would be virtually impossible, has proved unfounded. There is plenty of get-up-and-go. The main trouble is that this spirit is most evident in the extra-legal economy: bringing that inside the law, setting reasonable rules of behaviour, takes time.

But it is happening. In the financial services sector, the reputable share dealers have established settlement procedures amongst themselves. They know which registrars are reliable and trade in shares where the register is properly administered and the title to shares can be properly established. Commercial self-interest is producing a legally effective framework for share trading. And it is getting better. While the settlements system is expensive by Western standards, it is much more secure than it vas, say, two years ago.

If you step outside the chaos, you see a large country with enormous human skills and great natural resources. It has trade surplus. It has relatively low foreign borrowings. Its citizens hold large external funds. Tax and other reforms are taking place gradually, which will correct some of the present internal imbalances in the economy. Given where Russia started five years ago, and giv-en that there was no adequate road-map of how it should travel, surely the achievements so far are not too bad.

What Russia needs is a perception of success. It is perfectly possible that just such success will come in the next year. And once the pendulum swings, suddenly it will become fashionable to welcome Russia to the cap-

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US legal cloud over Lucas lifts

The headline number may have been a lot bigger than the market had hoped but what really matters about the conclusion of Lucas's row with the US government yesterday is that it is finally over. A total hit of £95m will take the shine off full-year figures next Monday, but the cars and aircraft engineering group's new chief exec-utive, George Simpson, will at last be able to stand up and talk about the future.

Since the beginning of 1994 Lucas has lagged behind its engineering peers, part-ly because of the cloud of litigation, part-ly because the market was holding fire to see just how quickly Mr Simpson could get to grips with his new charge. Over the past 18 months Lucas's shares have trodden water, marginally under-performing the market as a whole. Over the same period BBA has beaten the All-Share index by 43 per cent and GKN by an impressive 55 per cent.

The markets Lucas serves are undeniably still tough, but not worryingly so. Aerospace is picking itself off the bottom and arguably could be peaking in two or three years' time just as the automotive markets falter. Double-digit margins on sales of around £500m should make most analysts' forecasts look conservative.

In motors, Lucas is heavily biased to-wards the UK and Europe, which is good news in the face of an expected downturn in the American car market. Relatively flat markets in Europe shouldn't be a concern, with Lucas holding strong positions in fast-

growing areas such as diesel technology, intelligent braking and other electronics.

Before the exceptional charge, pre-tax profits next week should top £140m, from sales of £2.95bn, a great deal better than the performance of the last few years but still hardly a stirring return on sales of less than 5 per cent. By the time tax has wiped out the post-exceptional profit, earnings will just about break even, so reserves will have to be raided once more for a maintained full-year dividend of 7p.

The flip side of still-poor margins, of course, is the high degree of operational gearing still in Lucas's now-clean businesses. By next July profits should have reached £215m, covering the payout twice. The cover could have reached three times by the following year.

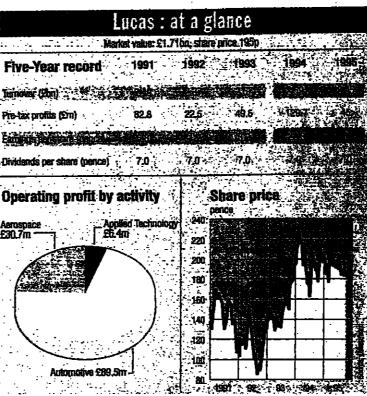
That puts the shares on a prospective price/earnings ratio of 13, with a yield of 4.5 per cent. Given the recovery prospects, that is pretty good value.

Uncertainty over First Choice rights Feast and famine follow each other with

alarming speed in the holiday business. The

last time First Choice issued a profits warn-

ing was just over two years ago, when it was



known as Owners Abroad. It came just four months after the group had fought off a bid from its rival, Airtours, and with a Takeover Panel investigation looming most of the directors

Not to be outdone, the new management issued its own warning yesterday but there the similarity ends over. The warning coincided with a rights issue which will fund three acquisitions and raise up to £10m to strengthen the balance sheet and ensure the group meets the Civil Aviation Authority's margin requirements.

It is not surprising that Thomas Cook is not taking up its rights on its 21 per cent stake, even if it gives other investors pause for thought. The stake it took in 1993 served its purpose in blocking the Airtours bid but the hoped for commercial benefits failed to materialise. It is disappointing. however, that the shareholders of this time it has no intention of rolling one of the acquired companies have all opted for cash rather than shares, even though they will stay with the business. They could have registered greater confidence in the deal by ac-

oting a mixture. It is anybody's guess whether the

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year. First Choice is forecasting roughly similar numbers for summer 1996, and relying on the reductions in capacity already announced by the three market leaders to raise the return on sales sharply. But the rights issue virtually guarantees all three companies will continue competing strongly for 1996. This is also an industry where capacity can be added back as quickly as it is cut.

Are the shares now cheap? The rights issue is priced 30 per cent below the price in the market last week, which was already close to the bottom end of the trading range over the past year.

There is a danger that some other holders will not take up their rights, however, and the suggestion that Thomas Cook will sell out in six months creates a nasty overhang.

Moss Bros still looking good

Figures from Moss Bros looked as sharp yesterday as the company's best morning dress. The remarkable recovery story over the past three years contimued in the first half of the year to July, with profits up two-thirds and earnings and the dividend keeping pace.

The performance of the share price has not quite been in the same league as at Next, but having risen from just over 100p at the beginning of 1993, yesterday's 7p rise to 570p topped off a sparkling

Pre-tax profits of £3.21m compared with last year's first-half £1.92m, struck from a 20 per cent increase in sales from £30.1m to £36.1m. Bocouragingly, likefor-like sales, before taking account of the seven shops opened in the period, rose 10 per cent as the company continued to take market share off its competitors.

Moss Bros's share of the suit market has doubled over the past five years to about 8 per cent and 15 per cent is

What was really pleasing about the fig-ures was the way Moss Bros has managed to maintain its gross margin despite an ambitious expansion programme. Since the merger with Cecil Gee, costs have been kept well under control.

The difficulty with recovery shares, such as Moss Bros, is deciding at which point all the good news is finally in the price. On the basis of forecast pre-tax profits this year of £9.5m, and earnings per share of 37.5p, the shares stand on a prospective price/earnings ratio of 15. That is marginally lower than the rest of the stores sector and still good value.

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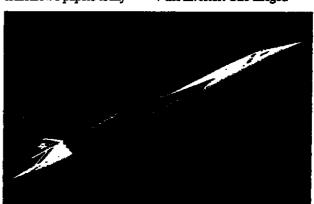
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Shandwick's Julian Bosdet had a touch of deja vu last week when he heard that secret video pictures were to be employed to catch kerb-crawlers. Bosdet tells me that a midnight search for early editions of the national newspapers once led him to City Road, the last home of the Independent. Several journeys around the block were necessary but so slowly was he dri-ving that on his fourth "sweep" he was removed

The dust has yet to settle at from his car by the Met on suspicion of kerb-crawling. The defence of "looking for tomorrow's papers today"

baffled the officers, who thought newspapers arrived with the milk. Fortunately, Mr Bosdet was allowed to retrieve his car and early edition of the Independent.

Scottish Amicable, which last week abruptly parted company with Graeme Knox, longstanding MD of the its investment arm. While Mr Knox insists it was always his intention to bow out at 50, word from insiders is that he did not fit with ScotAm's desire to look good for a potential investor. One alleged



Ticket to ride: two Concorde seats made £6,400 for charity

Even the Maxwell trial has to give way to our archaic legal ceremonies. Yesterday marked the start of the legal year, which meant Mr Justice Phillips was not in court but wigged up in full rig for a ceremony at the beginning of Michaelmas term. The event, the roots of which are lost in the mists of time, requires all judges and QCs to dress up for a service at Westminster Abbey, during which participants must fast. The Lord Chancellor then invites the 600 or so participants back to the House of Commons for a light buffet to ease their hunger pangs. Let's hope Mr Justice Phillips' rumbling stomach is stilled in time for today's proceedings, the 73rd day of the Maxwell trial.

of its mutual status. The reshuffling of more executives just days after Mr Knox's departure is seen by the insurer as a way of making itself more attractive to a bid.

A great deal of money was spent at last week's Aviation ball at Grosvenor House. The event made £120,000 for National Children's Home Action for Children. The auction proved popular with catering company Compass, which bid for almost everything, according to one party-goer. Despite Compass's acquisition of French company Eurest International earlier this year, chief executive Francis Mackay found £6,400 to spare to bid for two Con-corde return tickets to New

marriage would have involved | York. Mr Mackay was about the abandonment by ScotAm | to bop on a non-Concorde flight when I spoke to him. He said the company will use the tickets for anyone who needs to go to New York in a burry. Anyone intent on do-ing business with Compass

> Roger Holland of embattled Cray Electronics has finally appointed a new non-execu-tive deputy chairman: Alec Daly, former deputy director general at the CBL Profit warnings that followed the discovery of a large revenue hole in its communications subsidiaryhave dogged effort to stick the group back to-gether. No doubt Mr Daly's stint with Ford Europe, and GKN, where he was MD of its defence products, will stand him in good stead.

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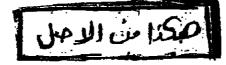
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Hope of takeover frenzy pushes water companies up Dealers are convinced that the takeover frenzy surround-

ing electricity companies is cerns that the latest raft of takeabout to spill over into the over bids would end up being water sector. The ball may be scrutinised by the Monopolies set rolling this week with Lyonnaise des Eaux-Dumez Those fears were duly reexpected to be given clearance by the regulators to bid for

Northumbrian Water. Shares in Northumbrian closed 18p higher at £10.13, valuing the company at slightly more than £700m. "We're all waiting for this bid to come through from Lyonnaise, and it's created activity in the sec-

tor," said one dealer yesterday. The speculation drove up several other water shares, which for the last two months have been overshadowed by the takeover activity among the electricity companies. Thames Water climbed 15p to 549p, Southern gained 17p to 701p, South West spurted 22p to 536p, and Severn Trent finished 22p higher at 649p.

Electricity shares were mixed yesterday, amid conand Mergers Commission.

flected in the performance of Southern, which, as expected. attracted an agreed £2.8bn offer from National Power. Shares in Southern climbed 69p to 966p, but remained stubbornly shy of the £10.10 on the table from National Power, down 11.5p to 503.5p. Similarly, Midland Elec-

tricity, subject of a £1.95bn bid from PowerGen, eased 10p to 965p. PowerGen finished just 1p better at 560p on a day the market finished on a high note with the emergence of buyers in afternoon dealings. The FT-SE 100 share index. which looked as if it was to give up the 3,500 mark in early deal-

ings, closed 12 points ahead at 3,520.2 despite an unsteady

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Outside the leaders, Gart-

nore was in demand and rose

13.5p to 276p - just 3p adrift of this year's high - in the wake

of last week's announcement

that Banque Indosuez was

looking to sell its 75 per cent

stake. Mercury Asset Management, tipped as a possible buyer, firmed 1p to 900p. Gart-

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Friday, now has a current stock market value of £556m.

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for Gartmore, slipped 7p to 625p. That movement was out of line with the other clearers.

Barclays firmed 1p to 750p,

National Westminster Bank,

MARKET REPORT

start to trading on Wall Street. The FT-SE 250 also managed a double-digit advance, with a 10.1 point gain to 3.958.9.

Action on the gilts pitch was more lively, fuelled by further hopes of another cut in UK interest rates following the release of the latest purchasing managers' index. Gilts recorded gains of up to half a point. Almost half the day's equity business was conducted in the

last two hours of trading. While that burst helped to push up the total share volume, the final figure of 639 million was far from respectable. Most of the leading 100 shares closed the session within a few pence either way of where

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Lloyds added 6p to 696p, and TSB gained 2p to 278p.

Vague whisperings about takeovers and break-ups were heard in several other sectors. Pearson improved 8p to 597p after Henderson Crosthwaite put a 900p-a-share break-up value on the media company and said it was vulnerable to a bid while shares traded below 600p.

Thorn-EMI closed 11p up at £14.85p on renewed hopes that its intended break-up would happen sooner rather than later. The relentless climb of

Regent Inns continued. The shares, which started the year at 307p, closed 14p higher at 592p. There was some talk that the pub company might soon attract a bid.

Regent's annual meeting is on Thursday, and analysts are expecting David Franks, managing director, to make another bullish statement on current

OIL EXPLORATION

Drinks analysts are already looking for Regent to boost taxable profits in the current vear to next June by around 32 per cent to £5.8m. The recent run in the shares has now put the company, which trades on a price/earnings multiple of 18.8, on a similar market rat-

are due on Friday from Wetherspoon, up 1p to 618p.
Elsewhere, Frost Group,
the petrol stations company, firmed a penny to 239p, as the shares were placed on Panmure Gordon's buy list.

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Wembley remained in favour, gaining 5p to 294p. Jarvis Astair, a director, sold 20,000 non-beneficial shares held in trust at 290p each. HP Bulmer, the cider com-

pany, shed 1.5p to 498p ahead of the start today of an analysts' visit. Matthew Clark, though, rose 7p to 614p as worries subsided about its takeover of Taunton, up 3.5p to 229p.

Menvier Swain, steady at 286p, may have a fight on its hands to win control of Scantronic, up 0.5p to 10p, despite last week's agreed £2.5m takeover deal. Nisshen Electric, a French subsidiary of Kidder Electric of the US. has been buying Scantronic's 5.75 per cent convertible preference shares. Nisshen has bought 100,000, taking its holding to 26 per cent of the shares in issue. The conver-

for every 100 preference. Shares in Hardy Oil & Gas were a notable mover on the oils pitch, rising 12p to 186p. There was some talk that the company, which has recently off-loaded a raft of assets to concentrate on four exploration areas, may soon announce some positive drilling results from the

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From death's door to an immortal threshold

Before the cuckoos had roused this year we were promised wonder horse. Unusually for rucing, the prophecy has proved correct, but truer to the fluctuations of the turf the wrong colt has been in the beam for much of the time.

While Celtic Swing rests his vulnerable body it is now Lammiarra who will be remembered for illuminating 1995. Six months ago, the roles were reversed. As Lady Herries' coll pounded out his preparation in Sussex, Lammiarra was the invalid, fighting for this life in Dubai's state of the art veterinary hospital.

Visitors were not assaulted with details of his progress and by the time Lammtarra returned to Britain he was one of the least heralded components of the Godolphin machine.

It is this absence of build-up to greatness which forms the illusion that Lammtarra's abbreviated career is even shorter than it actually is. For the patient purists who have waited for another Mill Reef, the only other horse to capture the top trident of Derby, King George and Arc, the pleasure must be over all too quickly. Like children watching the bonfire night rocket, the object of their fascination has disappeared in an

Adrian Maguire's pursuit of

the lead in the jump jockeys'

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proper use of the whip.

Richard Edmondson reflects on the this would be the season of the steps in Lammtarra's irresistible rise

> will see a competitive Lamm-If, as is planned, he retires win, der 12 minutes. His new task will ther the Dalham Hall Stud in

Kentucky both the prop-erty of the Lammtarra's new task will be Maktoum family. Lamin the passion mtarra means invisible in houses Arabic and

now he might thrilling manner, in America if he is to join the immortals. "That was an excellent performance in Paris," Ian Balding, Mill Reef's trainer, said. Lammtarra is such a tough horse and even though you wouldn't say he has a brilliant turn of speed like Mill Reef, Nijinsky or Dancing Brave, he just

does it another way." The handicappers of Timeform now have Lammtarra placed on a provisional mark of 134 – some way below his pre-

decessors as Arc winners, Sea Bird II, Mill Reef and Dancing

Sunday's win was, of course, a great success for genes. Cenare the black, almost mournful, eyes. But everything he does is turies of playing around with the functional, hugely admirable, yet strangely without startling mating game have culminated in breeders suggesting nothing impact. In other worlds, he more complex than putting the would be Stan Smith to Ille Nasbest to the best in an effort to tase, Charlton to Best, arguably conceive a classic beast. In practice this seldom works and the better but without the same Lammtarra is very much an exception. As he is by a Triple Crown victor out of an Oaks But aesthetes always like to see their horse produce a sudden burst of acceleration, just winner he will be expected to as Lammtarmake a good fist of his stud cara's sire Nifinreer. But it will not be that easy. sky, used to deliver There

Yesterday, Lanfranco Det-tori, the winning jockey, was in good spirits, for the first part of the day at least. The first thing I did this morning was to run downstairs and check the trophy was still there" he said. "I watched the video thousands of times last night and Lammtar-ra is unbelievable. He is a lion."

are early rum-

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er yet again, and in a

Lammtarra

The Italian's achievement was noted by the course executive at Pontefract, where he was awarded a bottle of champagne, but officials also later noted that he was bending the rules on La Alla Wa Asa in the closing contest. Dettori was found guilty of irresponsible rid-ing and, as this was his third such

offence of the season, he was referred to the Jockey Club. Pontefract must have seemed a Whip ban hampers Maguire's title pursuit

Cecil loses

Charnwood to Dubai Sheikit Mohammed is to move another top inmate of Henry Cecil's stable to Dubai, this

GOING: Good to Soft. STALLS: 2m - outside; rest - inside.
DRAW ADVANTAGE: High for 5f; low for Im 21 160pd.

Left-hand course. The 5f course has a dog-leg at half-way.

Bacecourse is west of city on B4095. Regular bus service from 18 stations at Warwick and Lemmington Spa. ADMISSION: Cad 512 (16 to 24-year-olds 55); Tattersalls 58; Course 55. time the three-year-old Charnwood Forest who was second to SIS All races Bahri in the St James's Palace

Stakes at Royal Ascot. The owner had already decided to transfer several Ceciltrained horses, including the highly promising two-year-old Mark Of Esteem. Charnwood Forest is among

the owner's choice of older horses to transfer from Europe to warmer climes for this

Others on the Sheikh's list are: Annus Mirabilis (Michael Stoute), Larrocha (Luca Cumani), Diffident (André Fabre), Overbury (David Loder), Linney Head and Torrential (both John Gosden). King Chestrant 13th – and will do better with the extra furiong to cover. Essayeffsee had Cartelace almost two lengths behind when they were second and fourth to Zestaro here last time and there is little to choose between them at the revised weights, but Bulsara can have the beating of both. One who is are to have his share of supporters is Gyanczak Hero, who has Lanfrance Detton in the saddle for this first handleap run. He is open to improvement and there was pleray of encouragement in his Nottingham run behind Whid Palm. Almosthaman wears binkers for the first time after managing only a well-beatan fourth to Another Time when gambled on at Brighton a week ago. Bobselyn will find this tougher than the 10-furiong setting handleap site won here last time and is 6th higher, but Handlesh still seems takly treated after his Leleaster van from Douce Maison – Curtaince fourth – on what is his first run for three months. Prine Ridge Lad is well handleapped compared to his best elewesther form and shaped as though this sort of trip suits nowqlays when eight of 18 behind Band On The Run in a valuable Doncaster handleap. He asses off a 5th lower mark. Selections BULSARA.



1.30 Second Time Lucky 2.00 Caribbean Dancer 2.30 Ducking 3.00 Allesbury Hill 3.30 Ballymac Girl 4.00 Rival Bid 4.30 Bran-donville 5.00 HAL HOO YAROOM (nap)

ELINEERED FIRST TME: Meg's Memory (1.30); Beverly Hills (2.00); Feinte (2.30); Be My Bird (3.00); Charmod Life (3.30); Lord Glenvara (4.00), Silm And Studs (4.00); Real Madrid (visored, 2.30); Deadline Time (visored, 2.30).
WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DAYS: Chief Of Staff (2.30) won st

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Defying all challengers: Lammtarra, now safely back in Newmarket, is one race away from a stud career PRIDE OF KASHMIR (10) P Hans 7 13 ... D Wright (3) 12 STATE APPROVAL (28) A Janus 7 13.

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3.20 DOMINION OILS NOVICE CHASE (CLASS

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EXETER

HYPERION 2.20 Alltime Dancer 2.50 Harry From Barry 3.20 Lake Of Loughrea 3.50 Persian Saint 4.20 Kings English 4.50 Runaway Pete GOING: Good.

Right-hand, undalating course. Run-in of 250 year recourse is 5 miles south-west of Exeter on A38. Exeter (St hevids) is on main London (Paddington) to Cornwall rates; line.

LDMISSION: Grandsund & Paddock S8; Siver Ring 54.50 (accompanied under-16s free). CAR PARK: 52 on rails; \$2 memens: rest free. SIS All races

WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DAYS: None. LONG-DISTANCE ECONNERS: Without A Flag (2.50) & Its Un-bellevable (3.20) sent 174 miles by J White from Wendower, Bucks. 2.20 DOMINION OILS NOVICE HURDLE (CLASS E) £2,800 3YO 2m 1f 110yds 12 ALUTIME DANCER (S1) (D) (SF) 0 Steward 11 3 ... Opt SSS, STREET C ASON 10 ... 10 ... 10 ... R burns OC CAN'T SN (12) /M Brackey 10 10 ... R F R R JUST BY CHANCE (12) A Burns 10 10 ... S burn IMAGICAL SID J M Bradley 10 10 SHARED M Margarix 10 10
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TRACK HERO (12) M Pipe 10 10...
EROCKTON LIGHT (50) R Buckler 10 5 ... ___ R Karamad m-Bown 10 10... CLIFTON MATCH B R Milman 10 5..... O CUPRONICKEL (17) D Burchell 10 5.....

- 14 declared BETTING: 5-4 Alliane Dancer, 6-1 Basil Street, 8-1 River May, 10-1 Clifton Match, Magical Bid, 12-1 Brockton Light, 14-1 others 2.50 DOMINION OILS NOVICE SELLING HUR-DLE (CLASS F) £2,600 added 2m 3f

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SETTING: 4-1 Dearlet, 6-1 Run With Joy, Killing Time, 7-1 others

1 1-U5322 ITS IMBELEVARIE (18) (C) J White 5 11 5. — 8 dectared — BETTENG: 7-4 its Unbellevable, 3-1 Kindle's Delight, 4-1 Bishops Casti 7-1 Lake of Longhron, 8-1 King Libed, Trust Doed, 12-1 others 3.50 RED CROSS AMATEUR RIDERS NOVICE HURDLE £2,600 added 2m 1f 110yds 154 LITTLE HOOLIGAN (12) (CD) G Edwards 4 11 5 154 LITTLE MODUSAN (22) (20) G ESISCOS 4 11 5 ... Mr 1. Jefford (7)

ODP-13 SOZZAED (27) (5) (8F) M Pipe 4 11 5 ... Mr R. Johnson (5)

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O CADES RM (115) N Testur-Daves 4 10 13 .Mr M Shrell (5) - 9 declared BETTING: 7-4 Sozzied, 9-4 Persian Saint, 5-1 Cades Bay, 8-1 others 4.20 DOMINION OILS HANDICAP CHASE (CLASS E) £4,000 added 2m 1f 110yds 3 332-512 PHILIP'S WOODY (18) (ID) (BF) N Honderson 7 10 11 ...

Minimum weight: 10st, True handicao weight: Storiao Sst 1th. SETTING: 5-4 Kings English, 9-4 Philip's Woody, 3-1 Mr Entertaine 10-1 Mine's An Ace, 16-1 Startop 4.50 WILLIAM HILL TRIAL HANDICAP HURDLE (CLASS D) £3,500 added 2m 3f

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200UO-P MR FLUITS (17) J Tuck 9 10 0. - 6 declared num welght: 10st. True handicap welghs: Jonjas Chudleligh 9st 13lb, Jo-SON'S BOY 951 5th, Mr Flutts Set 11th. BETTING: 5-4 Runaway Pote, 7-2 W say Pete, 7-2 Weishanan, 6-1 The Glove Chickabide 7-1 Exclusive Edition, 8-1 Jacon's Boy, 12-1 others

tarra in the flesh again are likely to be those who attend the Breeders' Cup gala at Belmont Park at the end of the month. lose or draw, he will have enjoyed an athletic career of unbe in the passion houses of ei-Newmarket or the Gainsborough Stud in

for most of us

as well be. By the time of the Breeders' Cup Turf some idea of his place in the all-time list will have emerged. By deed alone, he must command the greatest respect, for overcoming illness and rushed preparations to triumph where so many have flourdered before.

Lammtarra looks the part, with his chestnut hide stretched over a narrow frame appearing as though much furniture pol-Indeed the only people who ish has been applied and there

Wild Strawberry, the odds-on

favourite, in the fourth event.

The ban will last from 11-14

The Fontwell stewards found October. plus 17 October. Maguire guilty of committing Maguire is seventh in the curthe offence while he was riding rent table for the jockeys' title,

Fontwell yesterday.

for four days (11-14 October) by the Fontwell stewards for us-33 wins behind the leader, Tony ing her whip with unreasonable McCoy, who had a winner at frequency on Fairy Park, the 8-11 favourite in the first race.

3.40 BEVERLEY HANDICAP (CLASS D) £5,250 added 1m 6f

NIGHTIELD FIZZ may have won only a weak scaler over 11 fusiongs last month, but she

HIGHFIELD FIZZ may have won only a week seller over 1.1 furlongs last month, but she scored impressively by five lengths from Mannetta and connections went to 9,200gms to retain her. That was probably a wise move, as not do well to be two and a half lengths second of 1.7 to Dance So Suite at Haydock on Saturday, when the extended 1.0 furlongs did not look for enough. The selection is 22b out of the handicap today, but she is still well weighted compared to earlier runs, such as when beaten just over a length in that to Grooms Gold here in Judy off a 6th higher mark. Paul Dos, who note her on Saturday, is again in the saddle and takes her weight down to 7st. She will be difficult to best if staying this trop and there seems every chance that she will. High Patriarch atto alsoed as though he need further at Haydock last time when third to Merry Festivel. Bankered then, he has a visor on now and David McCabe takes off a handy 3th. Strictly at the weights, though, Jadwal is weighted to best High Patriarch judged on Thrist running behind Kelou, but she was disponiting at Castrocke Aflewards. Sugar Mills, a Strictly at the weights, though, Jadwal as weighted to best High Patriarch judged on Thrist running behind Kelou, but she was disponiting at Castrocke Aflewards. Sugar Mills, and the proportion of the disponition of the enough service to choose between them with a 20th turnaround in the weights. State Rage looks to have enough weight, while Mosthaalir gave little encouragement at Hay-

4.10 CASTLETON CONDITIONS STAKES (CLASS C) £8,000 added 7f Penalty Value £5,421

SUBJECTION was having his first race in over a year when third to Cerranite at Yermouth last month and again ran well against Art Of War at Hamilton eight days ago. He should be suited by the extra futing today and can prove too quick for these rivels. Measurable will find this easier then the York Listed race work by Didine and his short-heed second to Indhar makes him a live danger. Empty Quanter was the easy winner of a Brigation maxien over a mile, but this is tougher and he may find the drop in top against ham, while the ex-french it Transtevere has yet to find his form in this country.

Selection: SUBZERO.

4-40 SETTRINGTON HANDICAP (CLASS E) £4,400 added 3YO

sees there and there is little to choose between them with a 2th turnaroun.

Star Rage looks to have enough weight, while Mostmaffr gave little enoug dock last three agenst New Reputation, following a break.

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BETTING: 7-4 Meassash, 2-1 Empty Quarte, 9 5 15.
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7f Penalty Value £3,803

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COUGH PRINCE PELINORE (3) (* Bobbe) J Bobbe 7 8 ...

COSSO SOUND TRICK (USQ (20) Buches N Hume) G Bravery 7 8 ...

CO4229 BOOST (28) (Guy Reed) C Thomton 7 7 ...

CO4224 CHAUSE DANGER (25) (Gir) IT E Caydon) H Collegedge 7 7 ...

CO0044 PRINCE PELINORE (29) (Circ Scassis) C Dayer 7 7 ...

CO0055 PRINCE PELINORE (29) (Alm Back & Co) M W Earsiby 7 7 ...

CO0 DANN FUNDA (122) (V Wade) C Booth 7 7 ...

CO0 ALL NOWOUR (59) (D Crauman) D Charman 7 7

Minimum weign: 7s; 7s; Tue handkes weights: Prince Pollinore 7s; 4b; Prime Property & Donne Fugi-sa 7s; 5b; All Honour & Carol Again 7s; SETTING: 8-1 Second Cello, 9-1 Manter Charter, 10-1 Culum Reef, 12-1 Fractions Helly, Quilling,

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HYPERION 4.10 Subzero (nb) 4.40 Freckles Kelly 2.40 Lavanda

3.10 Hawkish 3.40 High Patriarch GOING: Firm (Good to Firm in places). STAILS: Straight - centre; rest. - inside. DRAW ADVANTAGE: High from 5f to ! m.

Lich-land, light course, with a one mile straight.

Encecourse is off A1085 (signposted from A56). Redear railway station (Darling Salburn line) is 300/94 away. ADMINSTON: Club 512; Grandstand and Paddock 57 (63.50); Course 52.50 (GAPs 51.55). CAR PARK: Free.

S3.50); Course S2.50 (QAPs S1.55). CAR PARK: Free.

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1; 2. Unchanged 9-4 for; 3. Greek Night Opt 14-1; 4. Paradise Newy 13-2, 20 sm. /s. 1; if Eye, Turski, Tota: 555.30; 25.70, £1.70, £2.30, £1.80, DF; £1.49.30, CSF. £83.60. Tricker £818.02. This £1,008.90 (part work, 000) of £326.21 carried forward on Borlets 4 40 horisms WINNERS IN LAST SEVEN DAYS: None. LONG-DISTANCE RUNNERS: About en sent 329 cales by Miss Gay Kelleway from Whitcombe, Docset. Redcar 4.40 today). 4.15: 1. FANTASY RACING (R Hughes) 5-2.10 MALTON CLAIMING STAKES (CLASS F) £3,650 added 2YO 2 tar; 2. Delight of Daven 11.2; 3. Hi Rock 25-1. 18 ren. 3, 2. (M Channon, Upper Lam-bourn). Tota: £4.00; £1.70, £2.10, £4.00. DF: £8.20, CSF: £17.97. Tric: £158.10.

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FORMA GOTIDE. Return, Meeding Point, 14-1 rair to Meeting, Sweng Hamma, 15-1 comes:

A fast-lenshing second to Sity Dome on her Cortisle introduction back in April, MEETING.

PORTY rain well on a number of occasions afterwards before becoming disappointing. She was tried binhared at Edinburgh last time in a the-furiong rating related medican and was fourth of nine to Katy-Q, leaping on well and finishing just a short-head addit of Apenthesia Abstead. Many Reveloy's filty means that theil 6th worse today, but she promises to be well suited by this longer trip and has a decent draw. The fact that the election has been entered at the meatinum claiming price of 25,000 suggests that contractions feel sine is worth heading control possible. Swing Meadle, fourth to Princess Permised at Edinburgh last time (Dancing Dot third, Autody's severith and Merila's Moreour 10th of 14 carries the Swill first colours but does not look good enough. Mistar load was second to stablement Bee Health Boy in a 24-numer selling nursery at Heydock on Saturday, just vendering under pressure inside the first furiong, He wears believes this time and has every chance, attitude, the might need softer ground Neetica Lady meets Earne Express on the same terms as when beating him three-quarters of a length at Catarick is August and will again go close if she can overcome a low draw, while Health Tisses, fourth of 19 to Sotte-ye at Catarick last time, is another to consider.

Selection: CLASS D) £5,500

2.40 EBF PICKERING MAIDEN FILLIES STAKES (CLASS D) £5,500 added 2YO 6f Penalty Value £4,003 402 CHALAMONT LIAO IR E Savestad P Compile-Harm 8 11...

10 CHAMM PORMY (LT) (Advance Stock) Miss L Scotal 8 11...

40 ELESTRISE DANCER (LSS) U F Compiler) M Healty 8 11.

PROS (B Hoggas) Sr Mark Poscotal 8 11...

HULM D D R McCabe (3) 4 and) M Bloby 8 11. RETING: 8-4 Laureda. 7-4 Chi

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The well-brad Chahamort has stamins in her pedigree but appeared suited by the drop to this distance when three-quarters of a length second of 23 to Thracian at Notongham last mouth, the first two finishing five lengths clear. She should certainly win a race in due course no enhance her peddock value, but she may have to give best to newcorner LAVANDA to day. Devid Loder's Soviet Star fills, a half-enter to the stable's useful landorio, cost 42,000ghs as a yearing and has Landanco Detroi in the eadda. Loder has a better than 50 per cent stille rate with juveniles and sent out another first time winner in Newai Gazer at Brighton on Sunday. Sir Mark Prescor's Prog is worth noting in the betting, but her pedigree organists a longer trop will be needed end from Jones' Hules, a daughter of Mutahd, may pose a brister timest.

3.10 BARCLAYS BANK HANDICAP (CLASS E) £5,000 added 1m 1f Penalty Value £3,964

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BULSARIA has a solid chance in an interesting handicap. He has been running well have that seeks on and tolored o neck second to subsequent Ripon winner Royal York over 10 that seeks on and tolored o neck second to subsequent Ripon winner Royal York over 10 that seeks with a short-head beeting of Hubeta over this typ — Esseyethose the lengths back farlongs with and 60 worse off. Chris Feithurst's getting was having his first run in almost eight in settl and 60 worse off. Chris Feithurst's getting was having his first run in almost eight weeks when a creditable minth of 20 to Bold Habit in a mile amateurs' race last month—

SETTING: 8-1, Second Callo, 9-1 Mepter Charter, 10-1 Crisms Reof, 12-4 Fractions Relly, Quilling, Mister Wooksquad, The Mesteri, Tomal, 14-1 Shafflebayes, Stor Of Cold, Sweet Mate, 16-1 others FORM GUIDE.

The soft ground was probably against RISHY ROMED when he could finish only 17th of 20 behind Almond Rock, following a Warwick win from Eden's Star the time before – Toward a length and those-quariers back in third. Gibes Brovery's gedding struck form with a vengeance in the accumn last, year, finishing thrift to Epidos in a Yarmouth nursery in October before nursing out the impressive winner of two Lingheld races on Equitorack and he is worth another chance. Second Cello did not get a good run at Portefinat yesterday, so she did well to be fifth to Farstasy Racing, and this extra furiong will suit. Lenhanco Detton is again booked and Dave Morn's fifty has every charce. Star Of Gold has shown that forcing lactics suthern withining at Leicaster in August and should go well from a decent draw. The lightlyand Dave Morra's fifty has every chance. Shar O'f Gold has shown that forcing tractics surf-when verning at Leicester in August and should go well from a decent draw. The lightly-weighted Challey Decear is drawn next to Star O'f Gold and is another who goes well in trort. Sweet Mete, a Southwell vernier in May, was a creditable fifth of 19 to Ardio over as furiority at Leicester last time. Seven furiority should suit and he is drawn highest of el. Guilf Shaadi is much better on the alf-westiter, while Mister Westroand and Teelpay trialities face stiffer teals than when placed last time in a Hamilton apprentice race and Newcastle acrossus." Tabe respectively last week. Lynde Ramsden's Mastar Charter is sure to have his supporters in his first handicap, despite a break since July. Selection: RISKY ROMED. 5.10 GUISBOROUGH MAIDEN STAKES (CLASS D) £5,250 added 3YO 6f Penalty Value £4,049 2-20554 CBMASS RAY (55) (Lord Mossyn) J Serry 9 0... ...M Fenton 6 R Hills 3 S D Williams 10N Variey (3) 9

NAP: Brandonville (Warwick 4.30) NB: Lavanda (Redcar 2.40) 4.45; 1 SHINEROLLA (I Red) 4-1; 2, Fe Abend 10-1; 3. Seventeens Lacky 20-1. 15 ram. 7-2 fav Nordrex. 1, 1. (Mrs.) Rame-den, Thriski. Totac £4.40: £2.60. £2.90. £4.70. DF: £42.30. CSP: £42.06. Incast:

RICHARD EDMONDSON

£4.20. DF: £42.30. CSF: £42.04. INCEST £661.96. Inc: £226.30. NR: Mountgate. 5.15: 1. CLEARLY DEVIOUS (D Hamson) 3-1 fav. 2. Cashmere Lady 6-1 fav. 3. Dute Valentino 20-1, 18 ran. Ind. 3. (J Fanshawa, Newmarket). Tota: £3.20; £1.90, £1.80, £9.60. DF: £17.50. CSF: £23.86. Tho: £562.50. Lancerette who first past the post, was then willifed and pasced fourth. was disqualified end placed fourth. Jackpot: not won (pool of £29,792.47 carned forward to Wannels today).
Placepot: £49.30, Quadpot: £69.70.
Place 6: £196.03, Place 5: £159.29.

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2.30: 1. PERSIAN VIEW (N Wharnson) 21: 2. Paky Pearl 8-11 for; 3. Clowator Lary
16-1. 7 an. 14-5. 5. R Baley, Upper Lary
bourn, Tota: 12.30; £1.40, £1.20. Dual Forecast: £1.60. CSF: £3.67. 3.00: 1. PUNCH'S HOTEL ID O'Sulvent 9-2 It fay; 2. Gode By 8-1; 3. Divedima 5-1. 10 rea. 9-2 It far Rufing Dynasy (4th. 14, 1. (R Rowe, Storthgian). Tota: £5.50; £2.30. £2.40, £1.80. Dr. £27.30. CSF: £28.79. Incast: £125.79. This £48.00. 3.30: 1. RAINBOW CASTLE (P Hide) 4-1: 2. The Whip 2-1 fay; 2. Court Rupler 14-1. 10 rea. 3, 8. U Gifford, Fridon). Tota: £4.20: £1.70. £1.60. £3.00. Dr. £6.10. CSF: £11.42. Incast: £87.11. This £105.40. 4.00: 1. PAMPELIO (Mr A Baiding) 4-1; 2. Wild Strauberry 10-11 fay; 3. Danha's Mee-13.2. 9 rea. ha, 20. (6 Baiding, Priect). Tota: £5.70: £1.50, £1.30, £2.20. CSF. £7.78. Theas: £20.53. This £9.30. 4.30: 1. CHARGEO RA'S Mulcare) 13-8 If fax; 2. Mry Senor 10-1; 3. John Roger 16-SC 11.50. CSP: 23.57. 3.00: 1. PUNCH'S HOTEL ID O'SURWAN It fav. 2. My Senor 10-1; 3. John Roger 16-1. 5 rad. 13.8 It fav Queen's Award (fel). 15. In: IP Honos, Minehead). Total £2.50; £1.40, £2.60. DF: £8.50. CSF: £14.02. 5.00: 1. JEHRNY'S CROSS (A P McCoy) 1

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Placepot: £7,80, Quadrot: £5.00. Place 6: £4,91, Place 5: £4.56.

16-1, 4 ran, 10, 20, (3 Baiding, Priesd), Total £1.30, DF: £2.10, CSF: £2.46.



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I am now making a plea I never thought I should find myself making: Carling should be confirmed as captain of England

been one of my favourite rugby persons. His comments I find only slightly less vapid than: "It was a game of two halves, wasn't it, Brian?" His business, I thought, breached the true meaning of the rules against professionalism long before they were finally jettisoned - and he was allowed to get away with it. Altogether, he was, I considered, both a contributor to and, at the same time, a product of the new, superficial, commercial brutalism of the 1980s.

He was also a product of Geoff Cooke. A very good centre indeed, he would almost certainly have got into the team without Cooke's support. But he would not have been

made captain, certainly not at 22. It one else in charge. He seemed in-is not going too far to say that it was capable of varying a plan once it had Cooke who created Carling as a commercial concern in whom, for a their performance were prepared to repose their trust.

Carling has been England's most successful captain, certainly since the 1920s, perhaps of all time. In the six seasons so far of the present decade England have won the Grand Slam three times (once back-to-back) and the Five Nations Championship hree times likewise.

It may sound ungenerous: but it is nevertheless true to say that England could have done better if Carling had taken different decisions on the field - or if it had been some-

been set. He did not appear to have full control of his team, particularly ice, businessmen anxious to improve of Brian Moore, who often went off

on frolics of his own. There was a case for making Moore captain, with all the risks that entailed. Dean Richards would have gained the loyalty of the whole team and been a great favourite with the fans. But the strongest case was undoubtedly for Rob Andrew.

Six years ago Andrew captained the British Isles magnificently in Paris. There is no reason to doubt that he would not have done the same for England if he had been given the chance. But tick-tock goes the clock.

Andrew is off to Newcastle in a partmanagerial capacity. His distinguished career with Wasps is drawing peacefully to its close. He remains in the England squad for the

vember. So does Moore, though nei-ther he nor Richards, still less Andrew, is now a realistic choice for

Carling similarly is in the squad. But, contrary to what he had suggested earlier, he has not been confirmed as England's captain.

I am now making a plea which I never thought I should find myself making: that now, or as soon as possible, Carling should be confirmed as captain of England for the South African match. The 1996 season can

My reason for this appeal is, to begin with, compassion. Carling has had a terrible time in the last few weeks. You can say with some

that, like Gary That woman is trouble" Lineker, he should have given the Princess of Wales a wide

But he did not. Maybe he was silly, but we all do silly things, especially where the opposite sex is con-cerned. What he and the Princess actually did, if anything, is none of

Nor is it that of anyone else except Julia, Mrs Carling (for the Prince of Wales, the other spouse in-volved, has by now surely forfeited any legitimate interest in his wife's

This is not to say that what a rugby captain does off the field has no rel-

justice that the terrible time was largely of his own making and tion for theft, fraud, GBH or whatever should undoubtedly disqualify someone from captaining either club or country. A mild flirtation with a Princess, on the other hand, should be a cause if anything for congratulation.

But it is not only compassion that is involved. The tabloid press must be shown that it cannot wholly ruin people's lives on a whim.

It has already brought to a conclusion the careers of numerous ministers and MPs. In the end, John Major always buckled under the pressure. Jack Rowell now has the chance to demonstrate that he is made of tougher stuff than the Prime Minister.

Fittler forced to come of age

t is the achievement of Brad Fittler, thrust into the Australian captaincy before his time by events beyond his control, that no-one can honestly

dispute his right to it. In normal circumstances, Fittler, who will lead Australia out against England in the opening game of the World Cup at Wembley on Saturday and who had been classified as an FAC - future Australian captain since his teens, would have had to wait longer than the age of 23 for an honour which is taken very seriously indeed.

But these are not normal circumstances. At an age when Fittler should still be learning, he has become a symbol of the struggle for the game's soul.

When Rupert Murdoch engineered his coup to try to take over the game in Australia, the Australian Rugby League needed to retain the biggest stars who were not already committed to the Super League. The biggest was Fittler, the youngest-ever State of Origin player, the youngest Kangaroo tourist, and the most complete talent of his time.

Ai a price, and a very handsome price, he became their highest-profile loyalist, the man to whom they can point when Super League claims to have all the best players and say: "Not yet, you haven't." Murdoch's cashiers would have been equally generous, but Fittler says that it was never a real con-

"I've always been very comfortable with the ARL. They seem to me to have looked after the game pretty well over the last 100 years or so.

They have certainly looked after Brad Fittler pretty well. The game in Australia might be disfigured beyond recall by being split down the middle, but that split has made millionaires of a generation of élite players. Fittler has been one of the main beneficiaries. Apart from his loyalty contract with the ARL, his move from Penrith to the Sydney City Roosters has also been lucrative.

It is one of the repercussions of the battle for power that players who find themselves on the wrong side of the front line have to move. Penrith, the club with which he had played since his schooldays, are committed to Super League; Fittler to the ARL. He had to go, but a fiveyear contract, worth about £350,000 a season must ease the

Fittler could just as easily have gone to Manly, to be coached at club level by his Australian coach, Bob Fulton, but

Dave Hadfield talks to the Kangaroo kid who has been thrust into captaincy and made to carry the weighty expectations of a nation in the Rugby League World Cup

ers, where he could force one of his Wembley opponents, Phil Clarke, to move from loose forward to second row. "I'm glad to have it all sorted out," he says. "It was a big decision and I took my time over it."

For a young knock-about type of bloke, there have been plenty of big decisions to be made this year. There were those who believed that the pressures on him would prove too much. "But it hasn't really made much difference to me. I still go about things in pretty much the same way, on and off the field," he says.

At an age when Fittler should be learning, he has become a symbol of the struggle for the game's soul

That, in fact, has been the one major criticism of Fittler: that he does not act like an Australian captain - a position which is invested with far more mystique than here.

There was, for instance, a notorious television appearance during which he admitted to having his head shaved while out on the booze. Conduct unbecoming to the dignity of his role, they were quick call it. It was a free gift to Super League partisans and even his manager admitted that a few rough edges needed a little polishing.

The last thing I'd want to do is change his personality," Wayne Beavis said. "However, there are a few off-field pressures which come with the national captaincy and he has to accept them with the same standard he does the on-field pressures."

There is a danger of rewriting history here, because Australian captains - from Graeme Langlands, through Fulton, Max Krilich, Wally Lewis and Mal Meninga - have rarely been choirboys and have frequently been prone to the odd word out of place without the fabric of society unravelling. According to Fulton, Laurie

opted after long deliberation Daley - Meninga's heirand negotiation for the Roost- apparent on last year's Kangaroo tour, who would have taken over the captaincy had he not opted to sign for Super League - would have had exactly the same problems. "The really important thing is that be commands the respect of the players on the field and there is no ques-

tion about that," he says. Nothing would be more damaging to the ARL's continuing tussle for credibility than a bogus Australian captain - someone the world knows should not be there. "The first essential is that the captain must be an automatic choice for the side," Fulton says. "Brad would be the first man chosen, regardless of who was available. And as for how he has handled the responsibility, the proof was there for everyone to see in the Test series against New Zealand

"Apart from the captaincy, we gave him the responsibility for the tactics and the kicking game, which were absolutely Olympic class. He showed that he can cope with it." He did, and they won 3-0. Frank Endacott, the New Zealand coach, admitted: "He had the sort of kicking game you dream about. He was the difference between the

Fittler will be equally pivotal to Australia's World Cup campaign. Rarely has an Australian game-plan been so concentrated on one man; even in Lewis' heyday in Fittler's international position of stand-off, there was an equally shrewd tactician in Peter Sterling alongside him.

It is not to denigrate the players around him - because we know to our cost the depth of talent in Australia - to say that he dominates this particular line-up. At Wembley, he will try to break England's midfield defence with his physical power, open them up with his side-step, or by-pass them with his long passing or his varied kicking game. However Australia choose to permutate their options, Fittler will be at the

centre of their play. His outstanding natural ability is laced with resentment at the denigration of his Australian side. "They've said we're a second-rate side, a shithouse side," he says. "I don't think New Zealand would say that. And nor does he believe that England will be able to do so after Saturday.

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Football



Before his time: Brad Fittler displays the power that has prompted Australia to make him captain Photograph: Allsport it has to be," he said.

Offiah fitness blow for **England**

DAVE HADFIELD

England's Gary Connolly is likely to miss the whole of the Centenary World Cup and Martin Offiah is rated doubtful for the opening match against Australia at Wembley on Saturday.

Connolly has been told to rest for a month after a bout of pneumonia, so any hope of him being fit in time for the semi-finals on 20 and 21 October seems forlorn. The England coach, Phil Larder, will decide today whether to replace Connolly in his 25-man squad, or wait another week to see whether he has a chance of

Under the tournament rules, Connolly could be replaced on medical grounds midway through the competition. Whether that rethe favourites for a late call-up are Richard Gay of Hull or Salford's veteran, Steve Hampson, who were watched in opposition to each other by the England coaching co-ordinator, John Kear, on Sunday.

Offiah, another of the potential match-winners upon whom England were relying, was unable to train yesterday with leg and an-kle injuries. A decision on his fitness for Wembley will be made tomorrow, but Paul Newlove, who also sat out yesterday's session, is expected to be fit.

The New Zealand coach, Frank Endacott, has hinted strongly that he intends to use the Leeds stand-off, Tony Kemp, at loose forward in the tournament. "He is being considered for the job," Endacott said. "He could make a bailplaying back-rower, with good vision and a kicking game."

Another of New Zealand's British-based players, Henry Paul, might have to settle for a more peripheral role. Endacott, much criticised for his reluctant use of the Wigan player in the three-nil series defeat by Australia this year, indicated that he might be frustrated again.

Henry is a very exciting player, but he is still very green. He can win a game for you, but he can lose it for you as well." he said. "His value to us is as a utility player rather than a spe-cialist at the moment."

Endacott will name his side for Sunday's first match against Tonga tomorrow. His strategy will be to name his strongest line-up for every match, rather than mixing and matching as some coaches intend. "It could mean that some players will not

WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

in his own words, Ted Mac Dougail followed the "typical footballer's way" after his re-tirement in 1980, one of many ex-professionals to see his name over the door of a public house. When, in 1985, he married for the second time his life changed direction. With his French-Canadian

wife, Lyne, whom he had met in Barbados, the most prolific of 1970s centre-forwards he scored nine goals in Bournemouth's 11-0 FA Cup victory over Margate in 1971

— left England for Montreal, then moved to Florida, Col-orado and finally Vancouver, where he has established a successful career in property development.

"I came originally to work with Alan Ball at the Whitecaps," he said. "I got into build-ing houses in 1987. We had some people build a place for ourselves and I thought: 'I can make a mess of doing that just as well as these guys'." Now 48, he is planning a new home in a ski resort in British Columbia.



The scorer of 256 League goals in a seven-club career that also took in Manchester United, MacDougall is a coach for the British Columbia Soccer Association, and is bringing 35 youngsters to England this week to play teams from Manchester City, Bolton and Everton.

Last year, the former Scottish international was linked with a takeover bid for Boumemouth, for whom he scored almost half his goals. "I was approached and interested, but after some initial talks there was no further contact and nothing has come of it," he said. Jon Culley

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Other sports

TODAY'S NUMBER-

The number of times Steve Davis has suffered a whitewash in his 17-year professional snooker career. Davis, whose only other 5-0 defeat was in 1988, was embanassed again by Nigel Bond in the Thalland

sic in Bangkok yesterday.

Basingstoke set the early pace ice hockey Paul Dixon pulled a goal back for Durham, but after some in-draw against Sheffield Steelers

tervening nonsense which saw

STEVE PINDER

With the Benson and Hedges Cup preliminary rounds over, a return to league action brought an early season warning from Basingstoke Bison that they will, once again, make the ear-

ly-season running. Their first game of the weekend saw them welcome Durham Wasps, who were on an eightgame unbeaten run. The game was Basingstoke's from the off,

with three goals in 12 minutes.

a player from either side thrown went on to win 6-1.

stoke travelled to Newcastle Warriors and, once again, won in the first period. Tony Red-mend and Scott Morrison were on target with the goals that told in a 4-3 win, which could have been heavier were it not for Kevin Dean making some outstanding saves for Newcastle.
The heroes of the weekend

one else, and to come from 6-1 out of the game, Basingstoke down to take the lead with seven straight goals with 12 minutes The following day, Basingleft is little short of miraculous.

Even more impressively, Gavin Armstrong in the Kings' net was carrying an injury and had to be helped from the ice and replaced by Alex Barnes. Barnes conceded two goals for an 8-8 draw, but kept out another 16 shots that could have given Sheffield the win. Results, Sporting Digest, page 23

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Simpson on top of world again water in Nottingham four weeks

Canoeing

Lynn Simpson overcame a fivesecond penalty in the first run to win the women's individual kayak at the World Cup final on the River Ocoee in Tennessee. and retain the overall title she won for the first time last year. Simpson, who won the World

championships on her home

the first run. A fast and precise second run gave her victory over Anne Boixel of France by more than four seconds. Simpson was particularly pleased with this triumph because it came at the venue that will be used for the 1996 Olympics

Gareth Marriott made up for his disappointing 15th place in

the World Championships with ago, was in second place after victory by more than five seconds in the Canadian singles. WORLD CLIP FRIVAL (Flour Geome, Termested):
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Hill's success lies in matching fire with fire

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DERICK ALLSOP reports from the Nürburgring

Another championship lost, the next instantly contemplated, and for that Damon Hill is prepared to adopt the more aggressive style of driving again is also an uncompromising fightproven to be essential in modem Formula One.

Michael Schumacher's awesome victory in the grand prix of Europe here has, as Hill concedes, effectively secured him a second consecutive title, the Williams-Renault driver being

after crashing out of the race. This is a brutal business, where only the strong prosper.

Schumacher had, yet again, demonstrated the way to succeed. The 26-year-old German is blessed not only with wonderful feel for a car, blinding pace and er. It takes all those qualities to make a winner. Ayrton Senna had them, and Britain's last champion, Nigel Mansell, was nothing if not combative.

Jean Alesi also outfought Hill on Sunday, refusing to yield Williams-Renault driver being reduced to the role of van-quished, if gracious, onlooker and placing his Ferrari across the bows of the Williams, causing the damage which put victory be-

yond reach for the Englishman. Hill, who has always professed himself dedicated to upholding the ideals of fair play and common decency, even at the height of his confrontation with Schumacher, now says: "The way Michael drove was typical of the aggressive approach he has. That's the way he drives. I can drive like that again. It seems

That is the way it is likely to be again next season. Schumacher in a Ferrari will be no less committed. Alesi, swapping places with him, is determined to convince Benetton-Renault he can be just as competitive. The same goes for Gerhard Berger.

to be that is the way it is."

could be the potential indicated by Jacques Villeneuve in his this week in testing at Imola should be enlightening.

Hill can reasonably claim he has not had the rub of the green this season, and that he is not alone in performing second best. Williams' racing operation has generally been inferior to Benetton's. At a crucial stage of Sunday's race, for example, Hill was stuck behind Alesi and an ear-lier than scheduled pit stop was surely advisable. Driver and/or team lacked either the instinct or flexibility to accommodate such

More ominous still for Hill a move. Schumacher had, by ould be the potential indicatwas piling on the pressure, evenearly reconnaissance runs with stually having sufficient time to Williams. Their relative times stop a third time and still beat Alesi to the flag.

Perhaps if Williams had instructed David Coulthard to slow in the closing stages and allow Hill to take third place, the latter would have stayed on the track and at least prolonged the championship contest. That would also have kept the team closer to Benetton in the constructors' championship.

Schumacher, 27 points clear of Hill with a maximum of 30 available from the final three races, is about to be rewarded for his efforts with another title, and make a mistake like that. If there Benetton, 20 points in front of Williams, are within sight of a maiden constructors' triumph. Williams, as well as Hill, need to be more aggressive next year.

Coulthard, confirmed here as McLaren-Mercedes driver for 1996, contends Hill is capable of rising to a challenge, but offers an interesting theory as to why the former motorbike racer may not be able to match Schumacher.

He said: "I've got nothing but respect for the way Damon responds, especially in pressure situations. He didn't show that here because he soun off chasing me and it's very unusual for him to

is a difference, it's probably because Michael's been racing on four wheels since he was 11 years old, and Damon started when he was 23 and missed all those formative years. Damon has shown he can race aggressively, but at

the moment Michael is picking

up the wins and Sunday was his

best ever." Coulthard acknowledges he cannot be sure when he will be and the commitment I can see at Mercedes, we can get back

Football

Craig Brown, the Scotland manager, is backing John Collins to

overcome his problems at Celtic

and produce an international

display in next week's friendly

against Sweden in Stockholm.

Collins has been out of favour at Parkhead ever since

he criticised the Celtic manag-

er, Tommy Burns, in a television

interview, although he was re-

called for Saturday's 2-0 defeat

at home to rivals Rangers. But midfielder Collins, who

has been linked with a possible

exchange deal to English cham-

pions Blackburn with Stuart

Ripley going in the opposite di-

rection, will still take his place

in Brown's squad named today.

ries concerning John Collins in

the Scotland squad," stressed

Brown. "He has been an out-

standing professional for us and

I feel it will be a refreshing

change for him to make the trip.

He will be included unless he has

particular problems with his

However Brown, who will

also be naming a squad for the

B international next Tuesday, is

unlikely to spring many surpris-

es. Richard Gough, the captain

of Rangers tipped for a possible

"We have never had any wor-

into a winning situation," Coulthard said.

He would doubtless have preferred to stay at Williams, but no firm offer was made and McLaren took the opportunity denied them by the independent contracts board last winter.

Nigel Mansell yesterday refused to contemplate retirement, saying that he is ready to return next season. "We are going to make a decision within the are beginning the climb back to prominence. "With the resources and commitment Met" and or three weeks whether or not we accept a full-time drive in 1996," Mansell said. "I won't be there make the said. "I whether it's the other side of the

autobiography, is unlikely to be brought back into the fold.

tinue along the usual lines, while he will use the B in-

ternational to give experience

to some of the younger mem-

bers. The B international is ef-

fectively for players with six caps and under, although Chelsea's John Spencer is likely to be one

of two players chosen with

more experience. Paul Telfer.

Paul Bernard, Scot Gemmill

and Craig Burley are all ex-

pected to be in the B squad,

Rob McKinnon and Brian Mar-

tin will be joined by former

team-mate Phil O'Donnell, who

is now with Celtic. Five goal-

keepers will be chosen with Andy

Goram and Jim Leighton con-

testing the first-choice berth for

the senior international, while

Brian Gunn and Nicky Walker

year-old Crusaders goalkeeper

who played for Scotland at

youth level, will be brought

into the squad for experience. Meanwhile, Gary Locke, the

Hearts defender, could be out

for at least a month because of

a knee injury suffered in Sun-

day's Edinburgh derby. There

are fears that he suffered carti-

Kevin McKeown, the 27-

will be in line for the B team.

Motherwell defensive pair

along with Alex Rae.

Brown's main team will con-

Brown sticks

with Collins

Cleveland's new tribe go to war

the junior relationship of the Almighty to baseball in Cleveland right now may be divined from a phone call to the Catholic cathedral of St John the Evangelist. "For information on Cleveland Indians raffle tickets, press one... for the Mass schedule, press seven... for the Confession

schedule, press eight."
Only one confession here is any longer acceptable - that the ridiculed, beloved and finally resurgent Tribe are indubitably the best team in baseball, and that if heavenly justice has any meaning the 1995 World Championship pennant should be dispatched without further ado to the shores of Lake Erie.

A World Championship pennant... in Cleveland? Until this year, no way. The Indians have not come close since 1954, when the New York Giants swept them 4-0 in the World Series. Since then, the team has had only 10 winning seasons. If since have fallen through the trapdoor at the bottom of the GM Vauxhall Conference.

tures of the worst team in the land dispensed with fiction and used the Indians. And who were Cleveland to sue?

But now the Cleveland Indians, like the renaissant city that idolises them, are back and touched with magic. Tonight, the team once known as the "Mistake by the Lake," take on the Boston Red Sox in their first play-off game in 40 years.

Chief Wahoo, a grinning red-painted Indian with a feather in his hair - surely the most politically incorrect mascot in baseball - beams from every window in the city. A farm is the sentimental choice around system once the laughing stock these parts, the smart money

Rupert Cornwell reports on the transformation of baseball's team of

perennial losers

of baseball has yielded a crop of superstars, while every ac quisition, from the veteran Eddie Murray to the washed-out starter turned record-breaking closing pitcher José Mesa, has proved a masterstroke. The result is the most lethal Tribe since Geronimo's Apaches, built on strong pitching, solid defence and, above all, the fiercest batting line-up around.

For the entire season the Indians have been flirting with a winning percentage of .700, a feat achieved by fewer than a dozen teams in history. Five hitters are averaging over 300, led by Albert Belle. He is not the Holy Church's idea of a saint baseball had promotion and rel- but if the pennant does return egation, the Indians would long to Cleveland, his No 8 shirt may be pinned to the wall of St John's as a sacred relic. In a strike-shortened strike he has time they have been the ami-able pushovers — even two films depicting the misadvenextra-base hits in a season.

After a 17-7 thrashing of the Kansas City Royals on Sunday, the Tribe had won their 100th game, increasing their lead in the American League Central Division to 29 games, the widest margin in Major League history. And so Cleveland fans dream of an October to remember, culminating in an all-Ohio World Series, an Interstate 71 match-up with the Cincinnati Reds, baseball's aristocrats and the runaway winners of the

National League Central But if a Reds-Indians finale



says it will be the Atlanta Braves to face Cleveland come 21 October. The Braves have been carried to their customary division victory in the National League

the first time, baseball is em-

by their equally customary dom-inant pitching, led by the re-doubtable Greg Maddux. But to make the Series Cleveland, like everyone else, must now survive not one but two eliminating rounds. For

ploying a wild-card format - in both the American and National Leagues an extra team is joining the three division winners. Purists loathe it because the old-fashioned race for the championships is devalued, but in a year of mostly one-horse division races, the chase for the extra post-season slot has maintained some suspense.

Even for the Tribe, the going may get tricky. The first-stage

round of five games, in which there is no home-field advantage for the team with the best record - they play two at home and three away - is tailor-made for an underdog with a hot pitcher and a slice of good fortune. After this, the winners go through to the traditional bestof-seven championship series, with the winners squaring off in the World Series.

AL East gives them a shot at their first world championship since 1918. By capturing the AL wild-card berth, the New York Yankees will be in the post-season for the first time in 14 years. In the NL, the Los Angeles Dodgers, complete with Hideo Nomo, the Japanese pitching sensation, will cause trouble for anyone - even the Braves. But if God is truly in his heav-Boston's surprise win in the en, this is Cleveland's year.

the starting line-up as Man-chester United bid to overturn their 3-0 Coca-Cola Cup firstleg deficit against York City at Bootham Crescent tonight. "There is every chance that Eric will start the game," said Alex Ferguson, the United manager, who will be without the injured Denis Irwin and probably

> and Andy Cole are available. The game will be the first the Frenchman has played away from Old Trafford since the events at Selhurst Park in January, which resulted in his eight-

Nicky Butt, although Roy Keane

Eric Cantona is likely to be in it clear that he hoped for protection measures when his side travels away from home following Cantona's return.

However, Keith Usher, the York secretary, denied there was any need to step up security. 'As far as we're concerned it's just a normal game to us," he said. "Whether it was Cantona or Maradona makes no difference, no player needs protection here."

York's understudy goalkeeper, Andy Warrington, 19, will make his full debut in place of Dean Kiely, who is ruled out by the broken nose and facial injuries he sustained in the 3-0

Dallas left red-faced by resurgent Washington

American football MATT TENCH

For most of the 1990s the Dallas Cowboys have tried to prove that anything the San Francisco 49ers can do, they can do better. On Sunday they may have taken the trend a little too far. Six days after the 49ers created

the biggest shock of the season by losing to the Detroit Lions, the Cowboys caused an even bigger one when they were beaten by the Washington Redskins. Though the Lions were winless before their Monday-night tri-umph, they are a talented, if in-big play early on - Darren Wood-

consistent, team that has often shown a capacity to match the league's best (last year they beat Dallas). The Redskins, on the other hand, have been in disarray since the departure of Joe Gibbs two years ago.

The Cowboys lost their quarterback, Troy Aikman, who was hit in the first series of the game, but their head coach, Barry Switzer, refused to use it as an excuse for a 27-23 defeat. "We wouldn't have beaten them if Troy Aikman played today. Troy Aikman doesn't play defense," Switzer said.

That defense came up with a

Dallas a 10-3 lead - but from then on was unable to contain Terry Allen, who ran for 121 yards, or Gus Frerotte, who threw for 192 yards and a pair of touchdowns.

The Redskins scored 24 unanswered points and, despite a late rally behind Aikman's back-up, Wade Wilson, held on for a memorable win. "I believe that's the best team in football," said Norv Turner, Dallas's offensive coordinator until he took over as Redskins head coach last season. "This is our best win. I see guys everywhere on the field getting better but the bottom line is winning."

Aikman suffered a pulled calf muscle. Opinions vary as to when he might be back. "They're saying two to three weeks, but I'm hoping I can come back next week," Aikman said.

No sooner had one unbeaten record gone, than another bit the artificial turf. Minutes after the Dallas defeat, the St Louis Rams, whose 100 per cent record was rather more of a surprise, lost 21-18 in Indianapolis. Marshall Faulk, the rising star of the running back profession, galloped 177 yards and three scores. Which left only the Miami

Dolphins among the NFL go-liaths still standing, and even they coaching fraternity, with victory, as usual, going to Don, the father

required some trademark Dan of David. "It was a tough loss for Marino heroics to hang on to their unblemished record after a pulsating encounter in Cincinnati.

Marino threw for 450 yards, the most significant being the last 16, a TD pass to O J McDuffie with 63 seconds left, giving the Dolphins a 26-23 lead. That proved enough, though even then the Bengals quarterback, Jeff Blake, navigated Cincinnati into position to attempt a 45-yard field goal - which Doug Pelfrey

The contest pitted Shulas senior and junior of the head

Dave, about as tough as you can

get," Shula the elder said. The 49ers bounced back from their panic in Detroit with a victory over the New York Giants that was less convincing than a 20-6 scoreline suggested. Any sort of victory was enough for the Jacksonville Jaguars, whose 17-16 win in Houston was the first by either of the league's two expansion teams.

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Cantona's next step

ager Andy Roxburgh in his Thomas and Craig Levein.

Frank Burrows yesterday resigned as manager of Swansea City for "personal reasons". The Second Division club have won just two of their 10 League games this season and are onc point above the relegation zone. Burrows took charge at Swan-

sea in March 1991 and guided them their first Wembley appearance - and victory over Huddersfield - in the 1993/94 Autoglass Trophy. Robin Sharpe, the club's chief execu-tive, said: "Everybody at the ground is deeply shocked at this unexpected announcement."
Leicester City, the First Division leaders, have agreed a £100,000 fee with Avr United for Frank Rolling, after the French defender, formerly with Strasbourg, completed a month's loan.

Stoke City have confirmed that they will listen to offers for their top scorer, Paul Peschisolido, in order to finance new signings. Birmingham City, whose managing director Karren Brady is married to Peschisolido, have expressed an interest in re-signing the £2m-rated Canadian.

England's youth avert **China crisis**

Badminton

England ensured that their sixmatch series against China would be a success when they scored a last gasp 3-2 victory at St Austell, writes James Leigh.

The win put the home country 3-1 ahead with two matches to play, ensuring them against defeat in the series. The side was packed with young and inexperienced players, of lering hopes of England's brightest future for many years.

Neil Cotterill and John Quinn completed the winning lead, overcoming a first game crisis before sealing victory in the second game. Their 18-14, 15-2 success over Zhu Feng and Ji Xinpeng was their second victory in two matches in the series. Oninn also won the mixed doubles with Sarah Hardaker, who was very impressive.

Punters put off American football by Obree's record attempt

Cycling

The Superdrome international meeting scheduled for Manchester Velodrome on 13-14 October has been cancelled

because of poor advance ticket sales, writes Robin Nicholl. Graeme Obree, who recaptured the world 4,000 metres pursuit title in Bogota last week. was due to attack the world hour record he has held twice, but the promoters, Sport For Television, cried off because of "appaling ticket sales". Obree, however, may still try for the record within the next six weeks, pos-

sibly in Bordeaux. John Bagnall, of Sport For Television, said: "We are going to be struggling to get the velodrome half-full. There is no way we could go ahead with riders such as Tony Rominger riding | Carolina to empty seats."

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"rebel" agents to register with them. Talks between national bodies and Fifa, the world governing body, at the weekend have come up with a two-tier system; an "international" licence covering transfers between countries at around £100,000, and a domestic licence at around £15,000.

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ALAN WATKINS

Why Will Carling should be confirmed as England captain 22

Rowell frustrated by lack of English talent Rugby's old rivals

Rugby Union Correspondent

Such is the dearth of outsiders realistically challenging for the post-World Cup England team that Jack Rowell may be forced to postpone the necessary generational change longer than be

would ideally want. This was the message of the manager's remarks at Twickenham yesterday when he repeated that he would not be hurried into either confirming or denying Will Carling as cap-tain, though in deference to Carling's personal problems Rowell has decided tonight's first England session of the season at Marlow will be held

This had not been his intention before Will and Julia Carling separated, but then nor had it been his preference to con-tinue with the old guard whom Carling has captained. The one selection certainty is that Rowell will restore a proper open-

Ben Clarke and Dean Richards for the No 8 position.

As things stand, Rowell appears to favour Rory Jenkins of Harlequins over the perennial pretender, Neil Back, and he is also contemplating the inclusion of David Pears as the outside-half successor to Rob Andrew.

"Half the current England team will disappear in the relatively short term." Rowell said. "We need to have people ready

who've been knocking on the door. Look at the development squad who went to Australia and ask: who is going to play for England? We have a paucity of

Pragmatism may force him to go in against South Africa on 18 November with the same familiar players who have served England so well and so long. And that, as the manager admits, would mean the more dynamic style of play he has

be postponed.

We're going to need to replace key people in order to do it. and that's a sensitive thing," he said. In this context though the manager would never say so publicly - Andrew would have to be the prime candidate. Hence Rowell's extreme interest in Pears's form and fitness after years of in-

cessant injury. "Once Stuart Barnes retired, it might have been good for the claret suppliers but it

to the Bath bon vivant. "David might not have the Barnes computer in his head but he is a naturally gifted player. I'm delighted that he is lasting games and, even more impor-

tant, with the rugby he is helping Harlequins to produce."
Pears's ability to get his line
moving, in conjunction with a back-row change, might even suffice for now to bring Row-ell's plans to partial fruition.

back row and that will entail a to come in and take over but endlessly preached would again direct confrontation between there aren't many people be postponed. showed how hard-up we are for Clarke, Richards and Rodber. No 10s," he said in reference I didn't think that would last the Five Nations but they did handsomely so they stayed together.

But Clarke is not a natural open side and Clarke and Richards have to vie as to who is No 8 this season. We need an open side who is going to get around with greater facility if we're going to play the same we aspire to and Jenkins is doing very well. This season we need a No 6 and No 8 and an out-

bury the hatchet

The gangway opened up be-tween professional rugby union and rugby league will lead to un-paralleled – and hitherto unimaginable – co-operation between the Rugby Football Union and the Rugby Football League to ensure professionals stay exclusively with one or the other for the length of their con-tracts, writes Steve Bale.

"We are looking for an arrangement with rugby league so that if you have a rugby league contract you can't go and sign a rugby union contract and vice-versa," John Jeavons-Fellows, chairman-elect of the RFU executive, said at Twickenham yesterday. To this end, discussions have

already taken place and Jeavons-Fellows expects a mutually beneficial conclusion. For the past century any such contact, let alone outright cooperation, would have been unthinkable.

The union is already bracing itself for legal action if it carries on with a six-month standdown for RL professionals coming into rugby union and the 120-day qualification period it imposes on players changing clubs. "I wouldn't want to give the impression we would fall on our sword," Tony Hallett, the RFU secretary, said. Hallett and Bill Bishop, the

union's president, had previously indicated they would expect to lose any restraintof-trade case but, whatever the outcome, recourse to law would suit the union's purpose by simply delaying any conclusion. In the meantime, as Hallett pointed out, there is not yet any trade to restrain and the England players' contracts will still take another three weeks to sort

Hallett also renewed doubts about English participation in European club competition the subject of bitter contention between the RFU and its leading clubs - when he embraced the principle while rejecting anything like the format to be used in this season's prototype

Leicester, Bath and others will be unhappy that Hallett would give no guarantees for next season. "Playing in a dark stadium on a cold, wet, windy Wednesday with no crowd support is a possibility with some of these fixtures," he said. He would now like everyone else plans that have yet to be made

Scotland's Internațional Board representative, Fred McLeod, has called for a qualifying period of four to six months for both overseas and rugby league players wishing to play rugby union in Scotland.



Shearer faces threat of Ferdinand

GLENN MOORE

Football Correspondent

The land of lire and lambrusco must seem more attractive to er's seventh blank international Alan Shearer than ever. No on the trot. The last time he sooner does he pledge his future to Blackburn Rovers than the champious' defence of their title collapses and their European campaign becomes the worst goals in as many games - insince the British Expeditionary beach at Dunkirk. Now even his previously unchallenged status as England's No 9 is under threat.

That is the obvious conclusion to be drawn from Les Ferdinand's recall to the England squad for next week's friendly in Norway. Significantly, it is one which Terry Venables did

Colombia last month was Shearscored was in September 1994 against the undernanding Unit-ed States' defence. Since then cluding the abandoned Dublin

Shearer has played as a lone striker ahead of someone like Peter Beardsley. It is a role Ferdinand fills, with more apparent comfort, for Newcastle, Shearer plays in a more conventional striking partnership at club level. "I may have to look at some-

nothing to dismiss when he revealed his latest 20-man squad ables said. "I review everybody esterday. after every game and he [Shear-The goalless draw with er] is no different. He is not a special case."

Venables also brought in Ferdinand's Newcastle team-mate, John Beresford, along with a genuine Geordie, Steve Stone of Nottingham Forest. Gareth Southgate, of Aston Villa, was another new face but there was still no place for Matt Le Tissier

Venables was quick to reassure In most of those matches Ince that he was not being omitted because of his refusal to join in the summer's Umbro Cup. Instead it was to give him more time to settle in Italy, where his club, Internazionale, have already sacked their coach. "Tve seen two of his games and read some of

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his comments where he says he thought I would give him more time," Venables said.

nal chance to do so because of ford, Southgate and Stone what the squad's early timing. Ven-ables normally makes his an-ers. The first two are ball-playnouncement on Tuesday, which would have given him the chance to watch Le Tissier play last night. However, Venables was in court yesterday afternoon for a libel case brought against him by Tony Berry, a director of Tottenham. Though the case was settled there was the danger that

In truth, whatever Le Tissier did last night it was unlikely to sway Venables. Of more concern was the prospect of the case running through the week - and the possibility of Venables being called when he was supposed to be taking training. That will now not happen and

er. David Unsworth and Ugo Unlike them he has midfield

ing defenders of the type Venables is keen to introduce

into the side. Beresford's inclu-

sion is due to Graeme Le Saux's

injury, but Southgate is in ahead of Neil Ruddock, Colin Coop-

Le Tissier was robbed of a fi- he will be able to show Beres-

Crystal Palace last season - and can thus bring the ball out of defence, or pick up a deep-lying opponent, in the continental hion. Stone, despite his lack of hair,

restricting his movement for most of the season. Venables has agreed to allow Paul Gascoigne to miss Eng-

is only 24 but has already suffered a broken leg three times. A busy and thoughtful right-sided mid-

land's training sessions on Fri-day and Saturday, so that he will be fresh for Rangers' game at Aberdeen.

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fielder, he has a hard edge - Alex Ferguson describes him as "a

tough wee bugger".
To include him, Venables

dropped David Batty while John

Barnes is missing because of a "domestic problem". John Sala-

ko is also dropped while David

Platt and Darren Anderton are inimed and Stan Collymore not

match-fit. Tim Flowers has been

sidelined for a month, after hav-

ing an operation on his left elbow

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However, the England coach was less keen to discuss Le Tissier, who has not been involved since his 27-minute appearance in Dublin in February.
"It is up to him to get himself in the squad," Venables said.

Terry Venables yesterday

reached a last-minute libel set-

tlement with Tony Berry, the

Tottenham deputy chairman, over an allegation contained in the England coach's book, Ven-

ables, The Autobiography, first published in October 1994.

heard yesterday that Berry was "incensed and embarrassed"

by the allegation he had paid

The High Court in London

DAVID HELLIER

Venables settles libel action

£20,000 for documents stolen from one of Venables' companies. Berry, a Tottenham director for eight years, never had any such documents or paid any money for such documents, his counsel said in a statement

read out in open court. Having accepted they had wrongly implicated Berry in acquiring stolen documents. Venables, the publishers Michael Joseph and Associated Newspapers (who had serialised the book in the Mail on Sunday) are

thought to have paid Berry around £50,000 in damages. In all, the legal costs are believed to be about £200,000.

Venables awaits a further libel trial, set for this time next year, when Alan Sugar, the Tottenham chairman, intends to sue over allegations made about him in the same book. Venables counsel, Lord Williams QC, said his client's intention in writing his book was to protect his reputation by answering al-

Torrance has belated invitation to Wentworth

Golf

TIM GLOVER

For the second year running, the International Management Group has been forced to listen of the field for the Toyota World Match Play Champion-ship. Sam Torrance, playing the best golf of his life at the age of 42, has received a belated invitation to the autumn classic at Wentworth next week.

Despite the fact that he was leading Europe's Order of Merit, Torrance had not heard from IMG. Ken Schofield, executive director of the European Tour, had a word with MG on Torrance's behalf over the weekend. That, and the withdrawal of Seve Ballesteros, enabled the company to invite Sam to the ball.

Twelve months ago, when Ballesteros was in prime form. IMG - Mark McCormack conceived the tournament - omitted the Spaniard. They took a lot of flak, but were able to perform an about-turn when Greg Norman withdrew. As it is a play-off.

their own event, IMG tends to fill the 12-man field with its own clients. If they were reluctant to recognise the argument for Torrance, it probably has something to do with the fact that he is a former client. He left IMG five years ago, and in the company's eyes, if there is one thing worse than a non-IMG man, it is an ex-IMG

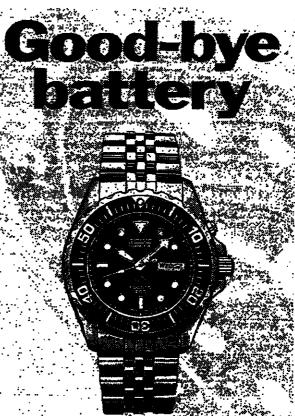
Anyway, Ballesteros has taken five months off, and Torrance's presence at Wentworth will make him at least £30,000 better off. That is what the four first-round losers will take bome. The winner receives £170,000. Two IMG clients who will be missing for the first time since 1986 are Nick Faldo (IMG say he is unavailable) and Ian Woosnam, who has not won a tournament this year.

Ideally, the field would include the season's four Major winners. It has two of them, Ben Crenshaw, who won the Masters at Augusta, and Steve Elkington, who won the US PGA Championship in Los Angeles, defeating Colin Montgomene in

On Sunday evening, Big Monty, by virtue of finishing joint third in the European Open in County Kildare, overtook Torrance at the top of the Order of Merit by £980. Montgomerie has £626,651.40. Torrance £625,671.28, and they could renew their rivalry at Wentworth, although the World Match Play does not count towards the money list. Last year, the title went to Ernie Els, who beat Montgomerie in the final,

John Daly, the Open champion, and Corey Pavin, the US Open champion, have not been en releases from the US Tour to play at Wentworth Montgomerie and Torrance are the only two Britons in the field, but there are two other members of the victorious Ryder Cup team, Bernhard Langer and Costantino Rocca. Langer moved up to third in the Order of Merit with his triumph in the European Open, and this week he bosts the German Masters in Berlin.

TOYGUA WORLD MATCH PLAY CHAMPION SHIP (Mantworth, 12-15 October): E Ba (SA) B Cereshaw (US), D Duvel (US), S Elizages (Vaus), L Jaccen (US), B Langer (Gor), C Mont gomerie (Sco). N Price (Ziri), C Roces (b), STISH (FI), K Toygot (Basen), S Persone Scori



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